PROCLAMATION
LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2019

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a potentially life-altering illness that is caused by the bacteria transmitted from the bite of a tick; and

WHEREAS, ticks, the host of Lyme disease, are carried by mice, rabbits, squirrels, deer, birds and other animals; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of Lyme disease is on the rise throughout the Western Hemisphere, as tick populations are expanding due to climate change;

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is difficult to diagnose because it imitates other conditions and laboratory tests are sometimes not reliable. Early indicators of infection include an expanding red rash, flu like symptoms characterized by chills; headache, fatigue, muscle and joint aches and swollen lymph nodes; and

WHEREAS, to combat this spread, many people participate in Lyme Disease Awareness Month and help educate the public about the symptoms and cause of Lyme disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca S. Bruner, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as:

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Stuart, Florida and encourages citizens to learn more about this disease and how they can protect themselves from infection.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this 22nd day of April, 2019.

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REBECCA S. BRUNER
MAYOR