



**PROCLAMATION
LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF THE MARTIN
COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION DAY
APRIL 15, 2017**

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of the Martin County Bar Association, Inc. is a Section 501(c)(3) corporation, comprised of local attorney members of the Martin County Bar Association, was organized in 1992 by Stuart attorneys Jane Cornett, Stephen Fry, Noreen Dreyer, F. Shields McManus, Stephen Page, Walter Woods, and Richard Kibbey, in order to deliver legal services to the poor of Stuart and the surrounding communities in Martin County and the Legal Aid Society has ensured the delivery of high-quality legal services to the lower income and disadvantaged persons of our community for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society, led by Jane Cornett since 1992, has recently partnered with Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc., to retain an attorney to focus specifically on legal aid for those who most need it but cannot afford it in our community, and the Legal Aid Society intends to fund that position and grow its operations in part by placing that attorney in the Martin County Courthouse here in Stuart for a portion of each week so as to be available to the community who most need this legal assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Bar Association will hold a 5K "Race to the Courthouse" on Saturday, April 15 through downtown Stuart to raise proceeds in order to increase funding for legal services for those who cannot afford it in Stuart and the County and we give recognition to the many contributions of the Legal Aid Society of Martin County in legal aid to the needy and underprivileged of our community, and thank the members of the Martin County Bar Association for their pro bono work on behalf of the community and for hosting the MCBA 5K "Race to the Courthouse" to raise money for legal aid in Stuart and Martin County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Campenni, as Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim April 15, 2017 as "**LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION DAY**" in the City of Stuart, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this 13th day of March, 2017.


TOM CAMPENNI
MAYOR

