



## TOWN OF HYPOLUXO PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, the Hannibal D. Pierce family settled on Hypoluxo Island in 1873 and were granted the 2nd homestead in all of what is now known as Palm Beach County; and

**Whereas**, the Hannibal D. Pierce family is recognized as a true pioneering family and responsible for shaping the early history of South Florida; and

**Whereas**, Lillie Elder Pierce (born Aug. 15, 1876), daughter of Hannibal and Margretta Pierce, was the first white child born between Miami and Jupiter; and

**Whereas**, Lillie Pierce was the sister of Charles Pierce, one of the legendary "Barefoot Mailmen" who carried the mail from Hypoluxo to Miami and back by foot, walking the on the hard sand at the ocean's edge; and

**Whereas**, the Pierce family named "Hypoluxo" Island after a Seminole Indian informed them that the Seminoles referred to the island by that name, which in the Seminole language means "water all around, no get out"; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Hypoluxo takes its name from the Pierce family naming the island; and

**Whereas**, Lillie Pierce and her husband Capt. Frederick C. Voss (married in 1894) built a large home on Federal Highway in Hypoluxo and lived there for 63 years until Frederick's death in 1957; and

**Whereas**, Lillie Pierce Voss served as Postmistress of the Hypoluxo Post Office, which when it closed in 1954 had been the longest continuous post office between Miami and Jupiter; and

**Whereas**, Lillie Pierce Voss was born in what is today Delray Beach and died in 1967 in Boynton Beach, but she always called Hypoluxo her home; and

**Whereas**, Lillie Pierce Voss has been selected by Florida Governor Rick Scott to be inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame on March 20, 2013 in Tallahassee, Florida; and

**Whereas**, Lillie Pierce Voss' Women's Hall of Fame plaque will list her hometown as Hypoluxo and will hang in perpetuity in the Rotunda of the Florida Capitol building.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth M. Schultz, the Mayor of the Town of Hypoluxo, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2013, be known as

### ***Lillie Elder Pierce Voss Day***

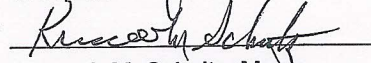
throughout the Town of Hypoluxo in recognition of Lillie Elder Pierce Voss's courageous pioneering spirit in settling this area, helping to name our Town, making it her home for 63 years, serving as our Town's Postmistress, and in honor of her selection to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Hypoluxo, Florida, to be affixed this 20th day of February, 2013.

ATTEST:

  
Barbara L. Searls, Town Clerk

SIGNED:

  
Kenneth M. Schultz, Mayor