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The City of Port St. Lucie to Organize Forum on Race Relations and Inclusion

PORT ST. LUCIE, FL (July 25, 2016) – In an effort to engage in honest dialogue and to brainstorm ways Port St. Lucie can enhance its identity as a safe City for all people, the City is inviting community partners and residents to participate in its first Forum on Race Relations and Inclusion.

The Forum, spearheaded by Port St. Lucie Mayor Greg Oravec, will be an opportunity for the community to come together to formulate plans, take action and provide continuous accountability. Oravec has begun working with residents, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National League of Cities to plan what he anticipates will become an annual event. The City is seeking input from all community stakeholders who would like to be a part of the Forum.

Oravec said he felt compelled to bring this idea to the City Council after recent acts of violence throughout the country stemming from racial tensions, terrorism, hate and a lack of understanding.

“As a society, I would like to see us remember the lessons already hard fought and learned,” Mayor Oravec said. “Why repeat past mistakes? Murder is never the answer. There is a better way, and, in PSL, we are going to take that path, together.”

The City is forming an ad hoc steering committee to plan this important event. Details, including time and location, will be forthcoming. Anyone who would like to take part should contact the City at the number and email address listed above.

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The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to be a hometown where people live, learn, work and play, and celebrate all of life's opportunities. With over 179,000 residents, Port St. Lucie is Florida's eighth largest city by population (South Florida's 3rd largest city). The City occupies an area of 120 square miles in St. Lucie

County on Florida's east coast, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, half way between Miami and Orlando. The City provides most traditional municipal services including law enforcement, water and sewer, and public works. For more information, please visit: www.cityofpsl.com

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