

# Proclamation



## “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” October 2017

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all ages, income levels, and gender, but most often women and children; and once started, the campaign of physical, psychological, economic and domestic violence only gets worse, resulting in a heavy burden on society and families; and

**WHEREAS**, 105,668 domestic violence offences were reported in the State of Florida in 2016, including 1 manslaughter and 144 incidences reported in North Port; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) provides free services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties, seeks to stop the crime of domestic violence through awareness and education, and encourages every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about domestic violence, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address domestic violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We the North Port City Commission on behalf of the citizens of our community, takes great pride in recognizing October 2017 as:

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

a month of special importance and worthy of the recognition of the citizens of the City of North Port.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, WE have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 5th, day of October, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA**

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Patsy C. Adkins, MMC  
City Clerk

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Linda M. Yates, Mayor

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Vanessa Carusone, Vice-Mayor

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Christopher B. Hanks, Commissioner

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Debbie McDowell, Commissioner