

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation’s medically under-served communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on America’s health care system; and

WHEREAS, as the country’s largest primary care network, Community Health Centers are the health care home for over 31.5 million Americans in over 15,000 communities across the country. One in every eleven people in the United States gets their care at a Community Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are a critical element of the health system, serving rural, suburban, island, frontier, and urban populations often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities. Nationwide, Community Health Centers serve one in every five residents of rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers serve as beacons of essential resources and support in the face of disasters and pandemics and will continue to respond quickly to care for America’s most vulnerable and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, every day, Community Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to provide comprehensive care, allowing each community member to thrive. Health centers have more than doubled their behavioral health workforce in the last decade to meet Americans’ growing need for behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate America’s more than 1,400 Community Health Center organizations with over 15,000 service delivery sites, including over 3,600 schools. We honor their dedicated staff, board members, patients, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors more than 50 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 4th through August 10th, 2024, as

“National Health Center Week”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 11th day of July 2024.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Alice White, Mayor

Phil Stokes, Vice-Mayor

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Pete Emrich, Commissioner



ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk