



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of North Port, Florida, recognizes the vital importance of economic development in enhancing the quality of life, expanding opportunities, and fostering a strong and resilient local economy; and

WHEREAS, Economic Development Week, observed from May 11th to May 17th, 2025, is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of economic development initiatives and the tireless work of professionals who help build vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Port acknowledges that economic developers play a crucial role in attracting investments, supporting entrepreneurship, and promoting workforce development in our city; and

WHEREAS, the City extends special thanks to its valued partners—the Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC), CareerSource Suncoast, and the Sarasota County Economic Development Corporation (EDC)—for their continued dedication to advancing job growth, supporting local businesses, and guiding strategic economic initiatives throughout our region; and

WHEREAS, these partnerships help position North Port as a hub for innovation, opportunity, and sustainable growth, ensuring a prosperous future for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 11th through May 17th, 2025 as

“Economic Development Week”

and we urge all residents to join in recognizing and supporting the contributions of our economic development professionals and community partners.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of May 2025.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Phil Stokes, Mayor

Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor

David Duval, Commissioner



Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk