WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy, and the quality of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the hard work performed by the entire water sector, designing capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water or a member of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure communities rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its source to consumers' taps; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has shone a light on the importance of drinking water for health, hydration, and hygiene needs; and

WHEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which current and future generations depend; and

WHEREAS, each citizen of our community is called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 4th through May 10th, 2025, as

"Drinking Water Week"

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.

Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor David Duval, Commissioner ATTEST Heather Faust, City Clerk