WHEREAS, Florida Volunteer Month and National Volunteer Week was established in April as the official time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism strengthens communities, improves social problems and enhances the overall quality of life for all citizens, including children, seniors, those who are disabled, impoverished, imprisoned, homeless, physically or mentally ill, or otherwise in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, volunteering changes the lives of volunteers in a positive way increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and physical wellbeing; offering the chance to meet new friends; and providing opportunities to learn new skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism is proven to have a positive influence on businesses that are socially responsible, increasing employee morale; loyalty and teamwork, and building goodwill toward the company; and

WHEREAS, non-profits, charities, community and faith-based groups, schools, and national service programs in the City of North Port have joined together with state and local governments in celebration and praise of volunteers who have given tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 and the week of April 27th through May 4th, 2025, as

"Florida Volunteer Month and National Volunteer Week"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 3rd day of April 2025.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

	Phil Stokes, Mayor	
Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor		Barbara Langdon, Commissioner
David Duval, Commissioner	nearry 12	Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner
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	Heather Faust, City Clerk	