WHEREAS, The City of North Port has experienced severe weather in the past in the form of extreme rainfall or tropical system events resulting in flooding in costal and riverine areas, and this flooding has caused damage and flood losses to homes and buildings in all areas whether they are high-risk special flood hazard areas or low to moderate risk flood zones; and

WHEREAS, The City of North Port is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance premium rates as well as setting higher regulatory standards to reduce the flood risk and potential flood damage to their property; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of loss of life and property damage can be achieved when appropriate flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures are taken before a flood; and

WHEREAS, because public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection are critical to the health, safety and welfare of residents, the City of North Port, have declared the week of March 10th - 16th, 2025 as Flood Awareness Week to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risk, the availability of flood insurance, flood protection methods, and how to prepare for emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 10th – 16th, 2025, as

"Flood Awareness Week"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of March 2025.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor

David Duval, Commissioner

ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk