

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, bats provide numerous important ecological services that contribute substantially to the economy of the United States by protecting American forests and agriculture from crop-damaging insects and other such pests and by providing the fundamental benefit of pollination; and

**WHEREAS**, recent bat population losses from White Nose Syndrome, habitat loss, and other factors require attention to ensure the sustainability of our food production systems and protect environmental and human health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critically important to continue federal, state, and city efforts, including developing new public-private partnerships and increasing citizen engagement, to promote the health of bat populations, increase the quality and quantity of bat roosting and foraging habitat, and help restore bat populations to healthy levels.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as

## ***“International Bat Day”***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of April 2024.

### **CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA**

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Alice White, Mayor

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Phil Stokes, Vice-Mayor

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Debbie McDowell, Commissioner



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Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

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Pete Emrich, Commissioner

**ATTEST**

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Heather Faust, City Clerk