WHEREAS, our Chapter is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings, and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians - building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry - who work year round - to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal, and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety our local code officials - who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, "Mission Possible" the theme for Building Safety Month 2024, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience, and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as

"Building Safety Month"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2024.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Alice White, Mayor Phil Stokes, Vice-Mayor Barbara Langdon, Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Commissioner Pete Emrich, Commissioner **ATTEST** Heather Faust, City Clerk