



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are the backbone of the American economy, comprising over 99% of all businesses and employing nearly half of the nation's workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, in the City of North Port, small businesses play a vital role in driving innovation, creating local jobs, and supporting the unique character and vibrancy of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Small Business Administration has designated the first week of May as National Small Business Week, honoring the millions of entrepreneurs across the country who contribute to the economic well-being of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is also recognized as National Small Business Month, an extended opportunity to highlight the impact of small businesses and to encourage residents to shop local, support local services, and invest in the success of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, North Port's small businesses—ranging from family-owned restaurants and boutique retailers to local service providers and innovative startups—represent the dreams, dedication, and hard work of our neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Port is committed to fostering a supportive environment for small businesses to grow, succeed, and continue enriching our local economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as

## ***“National Small Business Month”***

and May 1st through May 7th, 2025 as

## ***“National Small Business Week”***

and encourages all residents, civic organizations, and community leaders to recognize and support the contributions of small businesses to our city's growth and prosperity.

**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.

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

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Phil Stokes, Mayor

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Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor

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David Duval, Commissioner



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Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

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Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

### **ATTEST**

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Heather Faust, City Clerk