



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Love Your City Attorney Day in conjunction with Love Your Lawyer Day is a vital public service; with members of the City Attorney's office committed to ensure and navigate the complex world of law determinations done for the City of North Port; and

WHEREAS, law codes date back to the Babylonian King Hammurabi of Mesopotamia. The Code of Hammurabi was one of the earliest and most complete written legal codes; a collection of 282 laws that established standards for commercial interactions and set fines and punishments to meet the requirements of justice. Control was put into place to ensure the law was enacted fairly, so if a judge was found guilty of judging incorrectly, they could be fined; and

WHEREAS, Love Your Lawyer Day was created in 2001 by attorney and marketer Nader Anise, ALPIA (American Lawyers Public Image Association) and is held the first Friday of each November with a campaign this year of "No Lawyer Bashing or Lawyer Jokes for a Day" to be adhered to within the city; and

WHEREAS, today's law codes are complicated, bringing an increase in the importance of our legal professionals. The laws are far more involved and the expectations of conduct of business, building codes and convoluted series of regulations can only be understood with lawyers dedicated studies to master the legal code and how it relates to our city government; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Port should show love, appreciation and respect for our legal civil servants. For one day, set aside the lawyer jokes, the subtle bashing around the water cooler and remember that without these legal warriors, we'd have difficulties navigating the complex world of law. We depend on and trust our City Attorney and the legal staff to give their legal opinions for all aspects within this governmental organization; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 7th, 2025, as

"Love Your Lawyer Day"

We urge all residents of North Port and our City family to look for ways to reach out to let your City Attorney know how much you appreciate their hard work they do every day. Honor a charity in their name, or send a note of thanks, a testimonial of their work, or a simple and sincere thank you.

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 November 2025.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Phil Stokes, Mayor

Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor

David Duval, Commissioner



Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk