WHEREAS, in today's increasingly interconnected world, cybersecurity remains a vital pillar in protecting personal privacy, organizational assets, and national security; and

WHEREAS, cyber threats continue to grow in both complexity and frequency, posing serious risks to the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of digital information; and

**WHEREAS**, it is more important than ever for individuals, businesses, and public institutions to stay informed and take proactive steps to implement strong cybersecurity practices; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness and education about cybersecurity helps individuals and organizations recognize threats, adopt secure behaviors, and build resilience against cyberattacks; and

**WHEREAS**, National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, observed each October, serves as a crucial reminder of the shared responsibility we all have in securing the digital world and offers an opportunity to promote best practices across all sectors.

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

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and encourage all residents, businesses, and institutions to stay vigilant, educate themselves about current cyber risks, and adopt safe online habits. Together, we can build a more secure and resilient digital future for our community and beyond.

**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 October 2025.

Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor

David Duval, Commissioner

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Heather Faust, City Clerk