

WHEREAS, parks and recreation benefits all community members and is an integral part of cities throughout this country, including the City of North Port; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promotes community health and wellness, through the provision of parks, programs, activities and facilities which improve the physical and mental health of people and lower public health costs; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, walking trails, aquatic facilities, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, park and recreation programming and educational activities, such as out-of-school programming, summer camps, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS, our local parks are at the center of so many experiences and memories - moments that park and recreation professionals help make happen, and are often a person's first experience in nature or introduction to a favorite hobby; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community, helping to ensure North Port's ecological beauty, and serving as essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS, parks are a source of positive economic benefit through enhanced property values, increased tourism, and the attraction and retention of businesses and homebuyers; and

WHEREAS, the park system in North Port is vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community and serves as a place to gather with friends and family, to celebrate life's special moments, and to enjoy respite and healing; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month.

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

"Parks and Recreation Month"

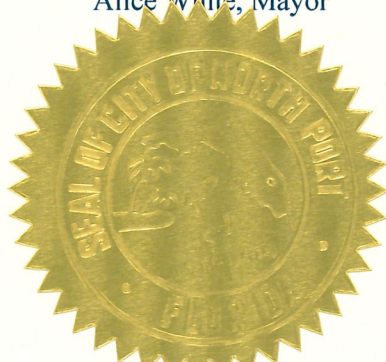
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 11th day of July 2024.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Alice White, Mayor

Phil Stokes, Vice-Mayor

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner



Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk