



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all ages, income levels, and anger, but most often women and children; and once started, the campaign of physical, psychological, economic and domestic violence only gets worse, resulting in a heavy burden on society and families; and

**WHEREAS**, 106,515 domestic violence offences were reported in the State of Florida in 2020, and 248 incidences reported in North Port; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) provides free services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties, seeks to stop the crime of domestic violence through awareness and education, and encourages every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about domestic violence, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address domestic violence.

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

## “Domestic Violence Awareness 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 October 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