WHEREAS, December is celebrated nationally as National Write a Business Plan Month, encouraging aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners to thoughtfully plan for future success by creating structured, effective business plans; and

WHEREAS, a well-crafted business plan is essential to building a solid foundation for any business, providing clear objectives, strategic direction, and a roadmap for achieving long-term growth and resilience; and

WHEREAS, in North Port, we are fortunate to have organizations dedicated to supporting local entrepreneurs, including SCORE and the 26 West Center at the State College of Florida, which provide invaluable mentorship, resources, and educational programs to help individuals develop their business plans; and

WHEREAS, National Write a Business Plan Month offers an opportunity to celebrate and encourage North Port residents who are ready to take the next steps in their entrepreneurial journeys, supported by local resources and guidance.

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

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and encourage all residents with entrepreneurial ambitions to connect with SCORE, SBDC at USF, and the 26 West Center at the State College of Florida as they work toward creating and refining their business plans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of December 2024.

## CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Phil Stokes, Mayor Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor Barbara Langdon, Commissioner David Duval, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner **ATTEST** Heather Faust, City Clerk