WHEREAS, every March is Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month, a time for sufferers, family members, and supporters to share information, sympathy, and camaraderie, drawing attention to this disease of the central nervous system; and

WHEREAS, MS happens when one's immune system attacks the nerve cells and renders them unable to properly transmit information, causing balance issues, weakened vision, fatigue, and other unpredictable symptoms; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2.5 million people worldwide suffer from multiple sclerosis; and

**WHEREAS**, the cause of MS is unknown, and there is no definitive cure. However, there are many effective treatments, so those afflicted with MS should not lose hope; and

WHEREAS, the month of March is all about raising awareness, educating wider society, fundraising, and getting behind those scientists that seek to advance our understanding of MS.

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

## "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month"

*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 March 2025.

Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor

David Duval, Commissioner

ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk