WHEREAS, the aerospace industry is a cornerstone of American innovation, national security, and economic vitality, contributing more than \$900 billion annually to the U.S. economy and supporting over 2 million jobs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, National Aerospace Week, observed annually in the third week of September, celebrates the accomplishments, contributions, and future potential of the aerospace sector, including civil aviation, space exploration, and defense systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Port recognizes the strategic importance of aerospace in shaping the next generation of high-tech workforce development, STEM education, and advanced manufacturing opportunities for local residents; and

WHEREAS, North Port Economic Development is actively working to position the City as an emerging aerospace hub in Southwest Florida, fostering public-private partnerships, workforce readiness, and investment attraction through innovative initiatives and collaborative planning; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Port supports and commends the efforts of North Port Economic Development to advance aerospace-related growth that aligns with the City's long-term vision for sustainable prosperity, economic diversification, and regional leadership in next-generation industries.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 14th through September 20th, 2025 as

"National Aerospace Week"

and encourage all residents, businesses, and educational institutions to recognize the importance of the aerospace industry in shaping our shared future and to support initiatives that continue to advance North Port as a forward-thinking community with limitless potential in the skies and beyond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of September 2025.

Pete Emrich, Vice-Mayor David Duval, Commissioner Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk