

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, lifeguards serve as vigilant guardians of our aquatic environments, ensuring the safety and well-being of swimmers at pools, lakes, water parks, and beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, these dedicated professionals are trained first responders, certified in CPR, first aid, AED use, who stand ready to prevent accidents and respond swiftly to emergencies, often putting their own safety at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, lifeguards play a crucial role in preventing drownings and water-related injuries, with estimates indicating that lifeguards rescue approximately 10,000 people from drowning each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of a lifeguard demands constant vigilance, physical endurance, and mental resilience, as they maintain a watchful eye over swimmers, enforce safety rules, and provide education on water safety practices; and

**WHEREAS**, International Lifeguard Appreciation Day is observed annually on July 31 to honor and recognize the invaluable contributions of lifeguards to public safety and community well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting to acknowledge and express our deepest gratitude to these unsung heroes who work tirelessly to protect lives and promote safe enjoyment of our aquatic resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 31st, 2025 as

## “International Lifeguard Appreciation Day”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 3rd day of July 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