WHEREAS, Dee Dee Gozion has been the Executive Director of the North Port Art Center (NPAC) for the past six years. During her tenure, she has navigated the NPAC during some very difficult times, including COVID and Hurricane Ian. She has always faced each adversity with a smile on her face and a can-do attitude; and

WHEREAS, placing the community and the well-being of its residents ahead of herself, Dee Dee has given selflessly to causes that advance the arts in our area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, due to Dee Dee's outreach, the NPAC has collaborated with other non-profits in the community to make North Port a home that we can all be proud of; and

WHEREAS, Dee Dee has earned our love and admiration for her kindness and is so deserving of the time that she will be able to spend creating beautiful memories with her family and pursuing her love of art.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby recognize Dee Dee Gozion as an

"Outstanding Advocate for the North Port Art Center and the Artist Community"

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 May 2024.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Phil Stokes, Vice-Mayor

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk