

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, crime affects individuals, families, and communities in profound and varied ways, often leaving lasting physical, emotional, and social challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the concept of kinship underscores the connections that build bridges to support, services, and shared strength among survivors, advocates, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, kinship is the foundation of victim advocacy, inspiring trauma-informed care that meets survivors where they are; and

**WHEREAS**, through kinship, we build peer networks and community alliances that empower survivors, foster resilience, and offer pathways to healing; and

**WHEREAS**, kinship reminds us of the strength that comes from connection, the importance of listening to every voice, and the power we have to create lasting change when we work together.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 6th through April 12th, 2025 as

## “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”

This proclamation reaffirms our dedication to building connections, standing in kinship with survivors, and creating a future where healing and hope are within reach for everyone.

**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 April 2025.

### CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

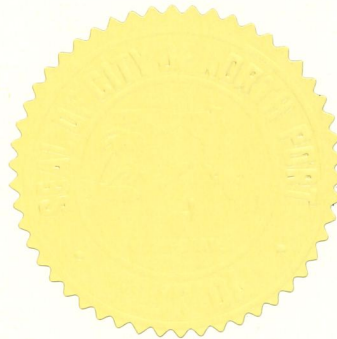
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Phil Stokes, Mayor

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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