

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is recognized nationally as Volunteer Appreciation Month, honoring the dedication, passion, and service of volunteers and national service members throughout our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Port is committed to promoting volunteerism and national service among its employees, residents, partners, businesses, and organizations, and extends its sincere gratitude to all volunteers who generously serve our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks & Recreation Department recognizes that local government cannot meet all community needs alone and relies on valued partnerships with businesses, faith-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, foundations, and individual volunteers to strengthen and enhance our city; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers serving through Adopt-A-Park, Event Support, Program Coordination, and Community Service initiatives generously contribute their time, talent, and energy to support and improve the City's parks, facilities, programs, landscaped areas, nature trails, and public spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, during the last fiscal year, Parks & Recreation volunteers contributed 704 hours of service, valued at more than \$24,000, demonstrating their commitment to transforming passion into meaningful impact for the City of North Port; and

**WHEREAS**, National Volunteer Week provides a meaningful opportunity to recognize and thank the individuals who generously share their time, talents, voices, and resources to help meet the evolving needs of our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 19th through April 25th, 2026, as

## **“Parks and Recreation Volunteer Week”**

and we encourage all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the invaluable contributions of our volunteers.

**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 April 2026.

### **CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA**

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Pete Emrich, Mayor

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Barbara Langdon, Vice-Mayor

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David Duval, Commissioner



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Phil Stokes, Commissioner

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Demetrius Petrow, Commissioner

**ATTEST**

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Heather Faust, City Clerk