

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 5th through May 11th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, hurricanes continue to pose a serious threat to the residents and businesses of the City of North Port, Florida, and hurricanes produce heavy winds, torrential rains, inland flooding and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, hurricanes are most likely to occur between June 1st and November 30th; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 season produced 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or greater), of which seven became hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or greater) and three intensified to major hurricanes with winds reaching 111 mph or greater; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian was an extremely intense Atlantic hurricane which was the third costliest weather disaster on record, and the deadliest hurricane to strike the State of Florida since the 1935 Labor Day hurricane; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all residents and businesses of the City of North Port, Florida be aware of the dangers hurricanes present, and remain vigilant to lessen the loss of life and minimize property damage; and

WHEREAS, people should maintain emergency supply kits to use at home or during an evacuation with enough non-perishable food and water to sustain family members and pets for at least three to seven days, have a weather alert radio, know their evacuation routes and locations for official shelters and comply with local authorities when asked to evacuate; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have joined urging all citizens to prepare for hurricanes and to educate themselves on hurricane preparedness and safety strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 5th through May 11th, 2024, as

“National Hurricane Preparedness Week”

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

Alice White, Mayor

Phil Stokes, Vice-Mayor

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner



Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

ATTEST

Heather Faust, City Clerk