

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Florida Volunteer Month and National Volunteer Week was established in April as the official time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state, and national levels; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteerism strengthens communities, improves social problems and enhances the overall quality of life for all citizens, including children, seniors, those who are disabled, impoverished, imprisoned, homeless, physically or mentally ill, or otherwise in need of assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteering changes the lives of volunteers in a positive way increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and physical wellbeing; offering the chance to meet new friends; and providing opportunities to learn new skills and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteerism is proven to have a positive influence on businesses that are socially responsible, increasing employee morale; loyalty and teamwork, and building goodwill toward the company; and

**WHEREAS**, non-profits, charities, community and faith-based groups, schools, and national service programs in the City of North Port have joined together with state and local governments in celebration and praise of volunteers who have given tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others.

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

## “Florida Volunteer Month”

and April 19th through April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026,

## “National Volunteer 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 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