WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and continuing problem in our society, affecting over three million children annually nationwide; and

WHEREAS, there is no test of a society more important than the status and treatment of its children; and

WHEREAS, The Child Protection Center works to prevent child abuse and to protect and treat children affected by child abuse, with the hope of creating a community in which every child is free and safe from child abuse; and urge all citizens to be aware of and involved with the local and national programs which provide on-going protection of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as:

"Child Abuse Prevention Month"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of April 2024.

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Phil Stokes, Vice-Mayor

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