

**WHEREAS**, victims of crime deserve support, options, services, and hope, and that these aid in the journey from victim to survivor to thriver helping to heal both individuals and communities from violence; and

**WHEREAS**, victim advocates and victim service providers help survivors rebuild their lives through coping with the impact of crime, educating on legal rights and options, connecting to victim compensation and other resources, developing safety plans, and navigating the criminal justice, civil justice, and social service systems; and

**WHEREAS**, each one of us – friends, family members, coworkers and colleagues, neighbors, community leaders, victim service providers, criminal justice practitioners, and health and helping professionals has the opportunity to enhance the lives of crime victims through our words, our actions, and our support; and

**WHEREAS**, we ask today that you engage in information and training to prepare yourselves in being trauma-informed, victim-centered, and resource-ready so that you can confidently respond when someone confides in you about victimization, and to create safer and more comfortable environments for crime victims to share what happened to them and in doing so, provide them with support, options for life-changing and sometimes life-saving services, and most importantly, hope.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 21st through April 27th, 2024 as

## “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”

**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.

### CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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Alice White, Mayor

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Phil Stokes, Vice-Mayor

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Debbie McDowell, Commissioner



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**ATTEST**

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Heather Faust, City Clerk