

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, From September 15 to October 15, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the heritage, history, traditions, and cultural diversity of Hispanic Americans whose heritage is rooted in Spain and 19 countries and territories: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, This heritage month is celebrated mid-September to mid-October to highlight the independence of several countries. September 15 is the day that Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras celebrate their independence from Spain; Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18. Also, Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, or Día de la Raza, in mid-October, falls within this 30-day period; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 theme is “Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future”; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics of every race, class and multiple nationalities have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of The City of Lake Worth Beach in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community plays a vital and integral role in shaping the present and future of The City of Lake Worth Beach in business, education, law, science, technology and numerous other fields; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic population in Lake Worth Beach is more than 45% of the 42,224 people who call Lake Worth Beach their home; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor the contributions Hispanics have made in The City of Lake Worth Beach, and we highlight an important part of the rich diversity that keeps our communities strong.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Betty Resch, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2025

as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of September 2025.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk