

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The US Congress established Days of Remembrance, a week-long commemoration of the Holocaust, which is observed every year in April and May. This year, it will be observed from May 5 to May 12, 2024, including the International Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah; and
- WHEREAS,** The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. Jews were the primary victims - six million were murdered - Gypsies, the handicapped and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons. Millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and
- WHEREAS,** the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and
- WHEREAS,** the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Lake Worth Beach to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and
- WHEREAS,** Violent antisemitism and hatred did not end with the defeat of Nazi Germany. It is important to stand up to antisemitism in all of its forms today; and
- WHEREAS,** due to the extreme rise in antisemitism today, we the people of the City of Lake Worth Beach should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust, remaining vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny, and should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society.

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:

MAY 5 – 12, 2024
as
DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

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 7th day of May, 2024.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk