

# CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** J. Sterling Morton established a special day for planting trees, now observed worldwide as Arbor Day, first celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1874. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** trees increase property values, enhance economic vitality, improve air quality, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** trees can be a solution for combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil caused by wind and water, lowering heating and cooling costs, moderating temperatures, purifying the air, and producing vital oxygen; and

**WHEREAS,** this year's theme, "Trees Are Our Friends," celebrates how being near trees makes us happier, helps us relax, enjoy the outdoors, and stay cool on hot days; and

**WHEREAS,** Plant a green tree and live younger. Save a tree and save the air from pollution. Protect your Earth, Protect the Greenery. Help the birds build a nest, plant a tree.

**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:

**APRIL 25, 2026**

**as**

**NATIONAL ARBOR DAY**

and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk