

# CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day was first celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1874. In less than a decade, the idea for the holiday caught on in other states until by 1882, its observance had become a national event; and
- WHEREAS,** Julius Sterling Morton, who had long championed the idea of a day dedicated to planting trees and who became the U.S. Agriculture Secretary under President Grover Cleveland, praised the benefits of trees and encouraged his fellow pioneers to plant them across the then dusty and treeless Nebraska landscape. Nebraska made Arbor Day a legal holiday in 1885, moving it to April 22, Morton’s birthday during which an estimated one million trees were planted during the first Arbor Day; and
- WHEREAS,** trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products and trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

**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 2025**  
**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk