

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, August 31 is recognized as International Overdose Awareness Day, the world’s largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember those we have lost to an overdose, acknowledge the grief of the families and friends left behind, and renew our commitment to end overdose and related harms; and

WHEREAS, The campaign raises awareness of overdose, which is one of the world’s worst public health crises and stimulates action and discussion about evidence-based overdose prevention and drug policy; and

WHEREAS, Addiction is an American Medical Association defined disease and the stigma associated with addiction must be addressed so that no one feels shame or disgrace over a legal or illegal drug poisoning (overdose); and

WHEREAS, Drug poisoning (overdose) is the number one cause of injury deaths in the nation, surpassing deaths from motor vehicle accidents or gun homicides; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lake Worth Beach remains committed to raising awareness in order to combat stigma and educate our community about prescription drug poisoning (overdose) prevention.

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

AUGUST 31, 2025
as
OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

and urge all resident of the City of Lake Worth Beach to learn about this disease and to aid and support those that are affected by it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, to be affixed hereto this 19th day of August, 2025.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk