

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month has been recognized in our nation since 1987 and in the City of Lake Worth Beach since 2009, and established in memory of triple homicide victims Yamika Murphy, Debbie Sears Johnson and Ronald Anthony Wright; and

WHEREAS, The National Council Against Domestic Violence reports that domestic violence is one of the most chronically under-reported crimes; and

WHEREAS, More than one out of three women and more than one out of four men in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime (National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey); and

WHEREAS, The City of Lake Worth Beach passed a Zero Tolerance Domestic Violence resolution in 2011 following the murder of Martha Aguilar and works with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and other agencies to provide awareness and prevention throughout our schools and community to eliminate intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, In the month of October, during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we honor victims, celebrate survivors and rededicate ourselves to breaking the cycle of violence.

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:

OCTOBER 2024

as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS 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 1st day of October, 2024.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk