

# CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** LGBT History Month is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBT history month first originated in the United States, founded in 1994 by Missouri high school history teacher Rodney Wilson, who chose October as the month for the celebration because National Coming Out Day occurs on October 11, and the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights by LGBTQIA+ people took place in October 1979; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Lake Worth Beach, FL recognizes that Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning, Intersexual, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of society, as they continue to struggle for equity and equal rights for its LGBTQIA+ residents and city employees; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBT History Month reminds both the LGBTQIA+ and wider communities of important roles LGBTQIA+ people have taken in creating the social, legal, and political worlds we live in today; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Lake Worth Beach is committed to the academic success of all youth, and to removing barriers to that end, and we believe that LGBTQIA+ youth and their families should feel included and safe to learn without the fear of harassment or discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBTQIA+ educators, students, and families should be supported to live in an affirming community and live their lives with dignity and respect; and

**WHEREAS,** community-based organizations such as Compass have partnered with our City, other community leaders and the School District of Palm Beach County to educate, support and provide resources to promote safe learning environments for all families; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Lake Worth Beach appreciates and recognizes the importance of LGBT History Month as an effective means of educating and calling to action its citizens to work together to promote equal protection of all residents and City employees, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

**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**

**LGBT HISTORY 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

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Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk