

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** August 31 is recognized as International Overdose Awareness Day, to 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, turning it into the world’s largest annual campaign to end overdose; and
- WHEREAS,** The 2026 campaign marks the 25th anniversary of the movement, operating under the official theme “25 Years On. Still Needed”, which highlights the ongoing necessity of fighting stigma and preventing overdose; and
- WHEREAS,** An overdose can happen when the body is overwhelmed by a toxic amount of substance or combination of substances. It’s possible to overdose on many substances if they are abused, including alcohol, illicit drugs, and even prescribed medication, 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, 2026

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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 4th day of August 2026.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk