

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Republic of China (Taiwan) observes the 112th National Day on October 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan have maintained close friendship based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8 96th Congress), the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan ties which celebrates its 44th anniversary in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' 9th largest trading partner as well as the 13th largest export market and 8th largest import market, with two-way trade totaling \$135.6 billion in 2022. Taiwan is also Florida's 7th largest market in Asia as of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st –Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act was signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden Jr. on August 7th, 2023, the U.S. and Taiwan will continue to hold talks on bilateral economic and trade issues through Trade and Investment Framework Agreements (TIFA), Technology, Trade and Investment Collaboration Frameworks (TTIC), and Economic Prosperity Partnership Dialogues (EPPD) to jointly advance bilateral partnership between the two nations as well as to foster a more resilient, just and flourishing economy for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives passed the Taiwan International Solidarity Act on July 25th 2023, which is a concrete step to counter China's malevolent and calculated distortion of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758, and profoundly signified that the U.S. Congress has taken an explicit step to clarify the facts; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Commerce, and U.S. Department of Agriculture jointly issued letters to State Governors, City Mayors and business leaders of the United States on February 28th, 2023, emphasizing the close partnership between the U.S. and Taiwan, encouraging state and local governments to expand their relationship with Taiwan in areas such as trade, education, investment, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's meaningful participation in numerous international organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the International Criminal Police Organization would benefit regional development, peace, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami in 1988, Taiwan has developed sister-state/sister-city relations with Florida. We support Taiwan's mission of economic liberalization, democratization and significant international participation.

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 recognition on this auspicious occasion of the 112th National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and her achievements with our admiration and gratitude.

OCTOBER 10, 2023

as

THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN) 112TH NATIONAL DAY

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 3rd day of October, 2023.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk