

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, The National Crime Victimization Survey indicates that only about half of domestic violence incidents are reported to law enforcement; other organizations also highlight that it is a severe, pervasive national crisis, affecting countless individual behind closed doors; and

WHEREAS, In the year prior to the recent updates, the Florida Sheriffs' Association reported more than 120,000 cases of domestic violence, and rates reported by the Florida Department of Children and Families show that 23.2% of women and 13.9% of men experience severe physical violence from an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lake Worth Beach passed a Zero Tolerance Domestic Violence resolution in 2011 following the murder of Martha Aguilar and is working 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 2025

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 7th day of October 2025.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk