

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.; and
- WHEREAS,** there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office; and
- WHEREAS,** since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently 24,067 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 19 members of the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office; and
- WHEREAS,** the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and
- WHEREAS,** 282 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 118 officers killed in 2023 and 164 officers killed in previous years; and
- WHEREAS,** the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty was honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 36th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2024 as part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 10th-16th; and
- WHEREAS,** May 15 was designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags was flown at half-staff.

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:

MAY 10 – 16, 2024
as
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

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 21st day of May, 2024.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk