CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage in the United States was celebrated beginning in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992; and

WHEREAS, during AAPI Heritage Month, we acknowledge Asian American and Pacific Islanders have lived and worked in the United States of America for more than 200 years, contributing to the economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literature, science and technological developments despite institutional and systemic injustices designed to prevent and limit these achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, during AAPI Heritage Month we acknowledge the additional determination, hard work, and perseverance, AAPI must put forth to be heard and seen and that these additional efforts are a result of inequitable institutional and systemic injustices; and WHEREAS, despite these contributions and leadership, the role of AAPI in U.S. history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, racially motivated discrimination and harassment is at a high with a national spike in hate crimes against the AAPI community, especially targeting its Muslim, South Asian, and Southeast Asian members; and

WHEREAS, AAPI community members have been disproportionately impacted by incidences of hate and discrimination during the COVID 19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BETTY RESCH, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 2022
as
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) HERITAGE MONTH

and encourage all residents to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders to our country, state, and city.

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 19th day of May, 2022.

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Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk