

**CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA**

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Retinoblastoma, the most common eye tumor in children, is a rare disease now occurring in 1 out of every 12,000 children; and
- WHEREAS,** Retinoblastoma is a disease that causes the growth of malignant tumors in the retinal cell layer of the eye; and
- WHEREAS,** Left untreated, Retinoblastoma is almost always fatal; therefore, early diagnosis and treatment are crucial in saving lives and preserving visual function; and
- WHEREAS,** Eye dilation examinations performed on infants at birth during the six to eight week and six to nine month well-baby exams are vital to saving the vision and lives of our children. Such infant eye dilation exams are very inexpensive; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Lake Worth Beach supports eye pathology screening at birth and at each well-baby exam thereafter to assist in the detection of all ocular diseases in newborns, infants, and toddlers; and
- WHEREAS,** Vision and lives have been saved through awareness.

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

NOVEMBER 2020

as

“JOEY BERGSMA RETINOBLASTOMA AWARENESS MONTH”

and urge all citizens of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida to make themselves and their families aware of the risk of Retinoblastoma and the need for appropriate screening, early diagnosis, and referral.

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 17th day of November, 2020.

Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah M. Andrea, City Clerk