

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day, is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States; and

WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger announced that slaves in Texas were free by order of the President of the United States. The announcement came two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation which had become official January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, Freedmen in Texas organized the first of what became the annual celebration of "Jubilee Day" on June 19; and

WHEREAS, June 19 has a special meaning to African Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lake Worth Beach encourages everyone to observe Juneteenth as an opportunity to reflect, rejoice and plan for a brighter future as we continue to address racial injustices in our society today.

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:

JUNE 19, 2024
as
JUNETEENTH

in the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, and urge everyone to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African American History and in the heritage of the 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 16th day of June, 2024.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk