

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) poses significant risks to individuals' health and well-being, affecting millions worldwide each year; and
- WHEREAS,** sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) pose a significant public health challenge, necessitating urgent attention and action; and
- WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), annual report highlighted the imperative nature of addressing STDs as a public health priority. In the year 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported more than 2.5 million STD cases in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2022, Palm Beach County witnessed concerning rises in sexually transmitted infections, with reported increases of over 6% in syphilis and chlamydia cases, and a staggering 20% increase in HIV cases compared to the previous year; and
- WHEREAS,** the impact of STDs extends beyond individual health, affecting families, communities, and the overall public health landscape; and
- WHEREAS,** In collaboration with The Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County, Monarch Health Services actively provides education to the public and healthcare professionals on STD prevention, testing, and treatment, while also focusing on supporting all individuals living with HIV/AIDS or affected by an STD/STI through accessible healthcare services, resource allocation, and the implementation of supportive programs; and
- WHEREAS,** recognizing the significance of STD Awareness Month in raising public consciousness about the impact of STDs within our communities and advocating for prevention, risk reduction, testing, and treatment.

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:

April 2024
as
STD 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 16th day of April, 2024.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk