

# CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** The state of Florida ranks 15th in the nation for the highest homeless population and one in seven of the state's population struggles with hunger; and

**WHEREAS,** The local outreach teams in Palm Beach County identified 2,126 individuals and families lacking permanent shelter, and the Palm Beach County Hunger Relief Plan 2023 indicated that more than 182,000 residents struggle with hunger; and

**WHEREAS,** The purpose of Hunger And Homelessness Awareness Week is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing in Palm Beach County for very low-income residents and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers, as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** The Palm Beach County Homeless Advisory Board has developed Leading the Way Home, a robust 10-year plan, designed as the next phase of ending homelessness in Palm Beach County; and

**WHEREAS,** The intent of Hunger And Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of the Homeless Advisory Board, Homeless Coalition, Homeless and Housing Alliance, Palm Beach County Food Bank, The Lord's Place, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Adopt-A-Family, and other service providers in Palm Beach County.

**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:

**NOVEMBER 17-23, 2024**

**as**

**NATIONAL HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

**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 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

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Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk