

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The U.S. and Taiwan have maintained close friendship based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8 96th Congress), the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan ties which celebrates its 43rd anniversary in 2022; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan is the U.S.' 8th largest trading partner as well as the 11th largest export market and 8th largest import market, with two-way trade totaling \$114 billion in 2021 and Taiwan is also Florida's 7th largest market in Asia as of 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** The U.S. and Taiwan will conduct formal negotiations under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade introduced on June 1st, 2022 to bolster economic and trade relations between the two nations as well as to foster a more resilient, just and flourishing economy for the 21st century; and
- WHEREAS,** A bi-partisan group of U.S. Senators and U.S. Congress members joined together in the signing of letters addressed to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Trade Representative, and the President of the United States in support of Taiwan joining the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) in 2022; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan's meaningful participation in numerous international organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the International Criminal Police Organization would benefit regional development, peace, and prosperity; and
- WHEREAS,** Since the establishment of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami in 1988, Taiwan has developed sister-state/sister-city relations with Florida and we support Taiwan's mission of economic liberalization, democratization and significant international participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BETTY RESCH, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lake Worth Beach and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 10, 2022

as

THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN) 111TH NATIONAL DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, to be affixed hereto this 20th day of September, 2022.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk