

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month 2026 takes place from Tuesday, September 15, through Thursday, October 15. This annual period celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, This cultural heritage month is celebrated to highlight the independence from Spain of several countries, beginning on September 15 with Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18. Also, Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, or Día de la Raza, in mid-October, falls within this 30-day period; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month began as a week-long celebration, with a public law signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on September 17, 1968; a successful bill passed by Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan in 1988; and President George H. W. Bush issuing the first official presidential proclamation for the full 31-day period beginning September 15 and ending October 15 each year; and

WHEREAS, The 2026 theme is "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together", which highlights innovators and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics of every race, class and multiple nationalities have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of The City of Lake Worth Beach in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, and plays a vital and integral role in shaping the present and future of our city in business, education, law, science, technology and numerous other fields; and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic population in Lake Worth Beach is approximately 22,350 people, representing roughly 50.3% of the city's total estimated 2026 population of 44,436; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor the contributions Hispanics have made to the city of Lake Worth Beach and highlight an important part of the rich diversity that keeps our communities strong.

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:

SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2026

as

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE 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 1st day of September 2026.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk