

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 211 HelpLine has answered over 3 million calls since its inception in 1971. Tens of thousands of people continue to reach out to 211 for help each year; and

WHEREAS, During these challenging times that seem increasingly uncertain, 211's highly trained and accredited staff continue to be frontline responders available 24/7; and

WHEREAS, 211 is that central access number where individuals and families, people of all ages and walks of life can find life-saving crisis support, guidance and HOPE; and

WHEREAS, People have expressed growing struggles with mental & emotional health, addiction, and the ability to meet their basic needs of housing, utility payments, food and other concerns- 211's caring staff listen to each and every person to provide available resource options and to help them strategize and problem solve and; and

WHEREAS, 211 also has specialized advocacy and support programs for the community that include Caregiver Support, Help Me Grow, Elder Crisis Outreach and 211's life-saving "Sunshine" daily calls for lonely and isolated seniors and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, 211 is also the infrastructure and responder for the 988 Lifeline number and additional support lines that include First Responders and MYFLVET for veterans with peer-to-peer support and assistance for these specialized groups and their families.

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:

FEBRUARY 11-17, 2025

as

211 AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Lake Worth Beach and urge all citizens to be aware that if they are overwhelmed and in crisis or just need to talk, 211 is available any time of day or night. 211 staff can also provide referrals for Mental Health Counseling, Substance Abuse, Health Care, Employment, Food Assistance, Day Care, Support Groups, Volunteering, VITA free income tax preparation and so much more.

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 4th day of February 2025.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk