

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual observance where it is also known as African-American History Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 national theme is “African Americans and Labor” touching on the invaluable contributions of African Americans in the workforce. Brought to colonial America on slave ships in the 1600's, African Americans slaves became a keystone of labor in the newly formed United States. Besides working as the bedrock of the agricultural south, African-American slaves were also responsible for building the entire southern rail system, a gift to the whole of the US economy; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 theme focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lake Worth Beach celebrates the working contribution to our community, the state, the country, and the world and continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens, past, present, and future, are respected and recognized for their contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Betty Resch, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim

FEBRUARY 2025

as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, in accordance with the nationwide observance of the same and urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage, arts and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

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