

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

Positive Action toward Liberty and Justice for All

- WHEREAS,** The City of Lake Worth Beach is a rich ethnic and racial community that prides itself on its diverse population; and
- WHEREAS,** the founding Charter of the City and supporting statutes through the 1960s provided for legal discrimination uniquely between "white" and "colored residents;" and
- WHEREAS,** the City now wishes to move forward by providing equal protection under the law in harmony with the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** there is an ongoing need to overcome legacy of racial discrimination by positive action to educate its citizens, and provide equal opportunity for all; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake Worth Beach MLK Committee, the Lake Worth Interfaith Network, the Historical Society of Lake Worth and numerous other community organizations have come together to organize 29-Days of Anti-Racism campaign during February 2024, to educate the public about the local history of black anti-racism and the remedial measures that have been taken to overcome historic discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** the 29-Day campaign includes discussion forums, site visits, historical presentations, church visits, support for minority-owned businesses, and other events aimed at education and fellowship across racial lines; and
- WHEREAS,** details and information about the emerging events can be found online at www.facebook.com/LWIN29Days and www.lwinterfaith.net; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Lake Worth Beach supports these positive steps by providing publicity, venues and logistical support; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Lake Worth Beach aims to continue to build what Dr. Martin Luther King called the Beloved Community, where its residents live may in a spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood.

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 2024
as
ANTI-RACISM MONTH

and ask every racial, religious, and ethnic group in Palm Beach County to join Lake Worth Beach residents in their celebration of the diversity of our community.

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 6th day of February, 2024.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk