

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 2024 national theme for the observance is “African Americans and the Arts” by which artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences; and

WHEREAS, celebrating the history of African Americans and the arts, puts into the national spotlight the richness of the past and present with an eye towards what the rest of the twenty-first century will bring; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lake Worth Beach celebrates art’s 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; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lake Worth Beach is proud to the African Americans arts contributions in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

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 2024

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 6th day of February, 2024.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, City Clerk