

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Revolution Day in Guatemala takes place on October 20 every year. It commemorates a landmark moment in the country’s history; and
- WHEREAS,** on this day in 1944, a democratic rebellion formed by a group of students, teachers, workers, and young military personnel defeated the repressive administration, fighting for liberty, their right to freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from crippling fear and misery, overthrowing more than ten years of oppressive rule under military dictator Jorge Ubico; and
- WHEREAS,** Revolution Day changed the scope of Guatemalan politics and society, paving the way for positive reform and human rights activism; and
- WHEREAS,** labor laws passed to increase worker rights, including a set of health and safety standards in workplaces, a standardized an eight-hour working day and 45-hour working week for non-plantation laborers, and bans on discrimination in salaries, and required plantation owners to construct primary schools for the children of their workers; and
- WHEREAS,** the histories of Guatemala and the United States of America are closely intertwined and increased awareness of those histories is beneficial to all; and
- WHEREAS,** in Lake Worth Beach the Guatemalan-Maya Center and the organization of Maya Iq’Balan, along with national Organización Amancio Samuel Villatoro, are actively working to foster pride in Guatemalan culture, customs, and accomplishments for younger generations; and
- WHEREAS,** Guatemala-American families in Lake Worth Beach are committed to preserving both Guatemalan and American culture, and promoting cultural exchange; and
- WHEREAS,** as proud men and women, Guatemala-American seek to participate and contribute to the social, educational, professional and political advancement of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Guatemala-American community has long hoped for the creation of a day of recognition – “El Dia del Guatemalteco” or “Guatemala Day” – to acknowledge the contributions and value of their culture and to pass these forwards with pride to future generations

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, hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 20, 2026

as

“EL DIA DEL GUATEMALTECO”

in the City of Lake Worth Beach

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 October 2026.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk