

# CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is an annual program where people come together across the country to draw attention to the problems of hunger and homelessness. Participating groups spend the week holding a series of educational, service, fundraising, and advocacy events; and

**WHEREAS,** As of 2025, Florida is experiencing an increase in both hunger and homelessness, driven by rising costs of living and reduced government assistance programs; and

**WHEREAS,** The homeless population in Palm Beach County (including West Palm Beach) was estimated at 1,520 individuals, and over 192,000 residents struggling with food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS,** Palm Beach County has programs to address homelessness and hunger through organizations like the Homeless and Housing Alliance, The Lord's Place, Adopt-A-Family, Palm Beach County Food Bank, and United Way of Palm Beach County. These programs include emergency and transitional shelters, housing assistance, street outreach, job and benefit assistance, and food programs for children and seniors; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2025 Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is to educate the public, raise awareness of poverty, and encourage community action by promoting support for local anti-poverty agencies. It is a nationwide event that draws attention to the issues of hunger and homelessness, particularly as the holidays approach, and provides opportunities for individuals and groups to get involved through education, service, and donations. The week aims to foster compassion and inspire people to contribute to solutions.

**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:

**NOVEMBER 16-22, 2025**

**as**

**NATIONAL HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

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Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk