

# CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence since Rita Hester's death and began an important tradition that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

**WHEREAS,** We take this day to remember transgender people who died because of anti-transgender violence and today and every day, we must respect transgender rights and acknowledge the discrimination, violence, and challenges transgender people face; and

**WHEREAS,** Transgender people are our family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who we need to support and accept; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Lake Worth Beach is at the forefront of efforts to eliminate transphobia and homophobia, while empowering individuals and communities to stand up against hatred, intolerance, and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** As one of the most diverse cities in the world, we have an obligation to create a city that is inclusive for all; and

**WHEREAS,** On this solemn day, we want to let all residents of Lake Worth Beach stand with transgender people, their children, parents, family members, friends and partners, and commit to working towards transgender rights and safety.

**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 20, 2025**

**as**

**TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

**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