

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast has responded to more than 3 million calls to the 211 HelpLine since its inception in 1971 and receives over 120,000 requests for help each year; and

WHEREAS, 211's highly trained and accredited team continues to serve as frontline responders 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including times of disaster and great uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, 211 provides free, confidential and 24/7 access to life-saving crisis intervention, suicide prevention, emotional support, and community navigation services year-round; and

WHEREAS, the mental health of many in our community is at risk due to challenges with health, addiction, and a lack of basic needs such as housing, utility payments, food and transportation—211's team handles every request with compassion and empathy, de-escalating crisis situations and helping people navigate community resources to overcome everyday struggles and life's darkest moments; and

WHEREAS, 211 also offers specialized advocacy and support programs to groups who face a higher risk of crisis, including seniors, veterans and first responders, and children with developmental delays and other special needs; and

WHEREAS, 211 is also the regional responder for the national 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, the Florida Veterans Support Line, other special projects designed to help people facing unique crisis situations.

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:

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211 AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Lake Worth Beach, and urge all citizens to be aware that 211 is available – by phone, text, email or online chat—24 hours a day, for anyone seeking help with everyday challenges or crisis situations. The 211 team also helps people connect to local resources for Mental Health Counseling, Substance Use Disorder, Health Care, Employment, Food, Housing, Day Care, Legal Services, and so much more.

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 3rd day of February 2026.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk