

# CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Eating disorders affect upwards of 28.8 million individuals in the United States during their lifetimes or 9% of the U.S. population during their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** Eating disorders, including the specific disorders of anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder, avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder, and other specified feeding or eating disorders, are complex, biologically based illnesses; and

**WHEREAS,** Eating disorders are associated with serious physical health consequences, including irregular heartbeats, heart disease and heart failure, kidney failure, osteoporosis, gastric rupture, tooth decay, obesity, gall bladder disease, diabetes, and death; and

**WHEREAS,** At least once every 52 minutes, someone dies due to their struggle with an eating disorder, and anorexia nervosa has the highest mortality rate of any mental illness; and

**WHEREAS,** Eating disorders know no boundaries with respect to genders, ages, races, ethnicities, body shapes and weights, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic statuses; and

**WHEREAS,** Eating disorders have a high prevalence amongst active military service members and veterans; and

**WHEREAS,** The yearly economic cost of eating disorders is \$64.7 Billion with an additional loss of wellbeing per year of \$326.5 billion; and

**WHEREAS,** With early detection and intervention, full recovery from an eating disorder is possible; and

**WHEREAS,** The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is the leading, national eating disorders organization, headquartered in the State of Florida, dedicated to providing programs and activities aimed at outreach, education, and early intervention for all eating disorders.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, PAM TRIOLO, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim

**FEBRUARY 22 to FEBRUARY 28, 2021**

as

**EATING DISORDERS 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 16th day of February, 2021.

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Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah M. Andrea, City Clerk