

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.

Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah M. Andrea, City Clerk