

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** May is recognized as Haitian Heritage Month in the United States, celebrating the rich culture, history, and contributions of the Haitian community, and has historical and cultural traditions that are honored by Haitians around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** May is the month in which an historic pact signed by Black and biracial officers occurred, which led to the creation of the Haitian Flag on May 18, 1803, and Haiti's independence on January 1, 1804, when Haiti become the first Black independent country in the world; and
- WHEREAS,** The Haitian Revolution was the forerunner of modern anti-colonial movements throughout the Third World; and
- WHEREAS,** Haiti celebrates May 1st as Labor and Agricultural Day, a day when workers, peasants and artisans celebrate together; and
- WHEREAS,** Haitians honor their mothers on the last Sunday in May by wearing red flowers if their mothers are still alive and white or purple flowers if their mothers have died; and
- WHEREAS,** Many religious celebrations in Haiti occur during the month of May, known by Haitian Catholics as the month of Mary, the mother of Jesus; and
- WHEREAS,** The Haitian community contributes greatly to the rich history, culture and diversity of the City of Lake Worth Beach; and
- WHEREAS,** The Haitian community of Lake Worth Beach has established and distinguished itself through the efforts of many community organizations, businesses and community participation; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Lake Worth Beach and the Haitian community share in the belief that the contributions and participation of all people from all cultures and backgrounds is what makes Lake Worth Beach a great City.

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:

MAY 2026
as
HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

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 5th day of May 2026.

Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk