

# CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage in the United States was celebrated beginning in 1978 and was made into a month-long event in 1992; and

**WHEREAS,** The Federal Asian Pacific American Council announced that the May 2026 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month theme is “**Power in Unity: Strengthening Communities Together**”, emphasizing leveraging, collective strength, sharing community stories, and fostering connection; and

**WHEREAS,** During AAPI Heritage Month, honors the rich cultural heritage brought by immigrants from all parts of Asia over the past two centuries, contributing to the economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literature, science and technological developments despite institutional and systemic injustices designed to prevent and limit these achievements and contributions; and

**WHEREAS,** Despite these contributions and leadership, the role of AAPI in U.S. history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

**WHEREAS,** During AAPI Heritage Month we acknowledge the additional determination, hard work, and perseverance, AAPI must put forth to be heard and seen and that these additional efforts are a result of inequitable institutional and systemic injustices.

**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**

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI)  
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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Betty Resch, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Ann Coyne, MMC, City Clerk