



# C I T Y O F N O R W A L K

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norwalk has long been concerned with the health and wellbeing of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, cardiopulmonary diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, are the third leading cause of death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, California became the first state to license Respiratory Care Practitioners and to date have issued over 43,000 respiratory therapy licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, Respiratory Care Practitioners are recognized as one of the most vital and progressive segments of healthcare delivery system in the City of Norwalk;

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic hit California and the Respiratory Care Practitioners stepped up to fight the disease on the front lines by treating all patients whose breathing has been impacted by the virus; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Perez, Mayor of the City of Norwalk, on behalf of Vice Mayor Tony Ayala, and my fellow Council Members Rick Ramirez, Margarita L. Rios and Ana Valencia do hereby proclaim**

### **Respiratory Care Week from October 25-31, 2020**

*We express our gratitude to all respiratory care practitioners for raising awareness on respiratory health issues and more significantly, for providing life-saving care every day.*

**DATED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

  
Jennifer Perez, Mayor

