

WHEREAS, we are pleased and honored to pay tribute on this day to the dedicated veterans who have served this great nation with such distinction, both in peace time and in war; and

WHEREAS, our community has a continuing sense of gratitude to those who have given so much in the defense of the freedoms which we all continue to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Americans have an abiding faith in the ideals and strengths on which our great nation was founded, in our democratic process, and in the men and women of the armed forces who have served our country so well; and

WHEREAS, in honor of these dedicated men and women, we pledge our continued defense of our nation so that their sacrifice will stand before the entire world as a tribute to the spirit and determination of a people dedicated to the principles of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, on this patriotic occasion, let us all commit ourselves to the great need of fostering a spirit of rededication to the ideals that have served as the foundation of this great country – “One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, do hereby proclaim, November 10, 2023, as:

National Veterans Day

in the City of Delray Beach and urge all of our citizens to honor our veterans and rededicate themselves to the preservation of our civil liberties under the Constitution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Delray Beach to be affixed this 7th day of November 2023.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**