

WHEREAS, Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries of the Americas which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer who set sail across the Atlantic Ocean in search of a faster route to the Far East only to land at the New World; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the New World were on the Spanish ships: *Santa María*, *Niña*, and *La Pinta* which took approximately three months; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus and his crew's arrival to the New World initiated the Columbian Exchange which introduced the transfer of plants, animals, and technology between the new world and the old; and

WHEREAS, many Italian-Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, and the first such celebration was held in New York City on October 12, 1866; and

WHEREAS, the first statewide holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905, and it was made a statutory holiday in 1907; and

WHEREAS, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed the second Monday in October to be a federal holiday under the name "Columbus Day".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 12, 2020, as:

COLUMBUS DAY

and encourage all citizens of Delray Beach to observe this holiday in honor of our diverse history and all who have contributed to shaping this Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of October 2020.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**