

**WHEREAS,** The City of Delray Beach designated its Neighborhood and Community Services Department to administer its affordable housing programs and to engage Delray Beach’s diverse residents with resources to maintain, revitalize, and promote healthy communities; and

**WHEREAS,** The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was established by the City Commission in 1985 to guide the City in its redevelopment efforts. The purpose of the CRA is to revitalize the physical environment and the economy of the Community Redevelopment Area. The CRA’s activities are designed to solve the underlying problems of slum and blighted conditions through planning, redevelopment, historic preservation, economic development and affordable housing so that the tax base can be protected and enhanced by these mutually supportive activities; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1989, the City of Delray Beach and the CRA initiated the Rock the Block annual neighborhood improvement initiative wherein a group of homes in The Set/NW/SW Neighborhoods are improved by painting, landscaping, and performing minor facia improvements; and

**WHEREAS,** Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County has been dedicated to building strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County’s volunteers, donors, staff, and partner families have tirelessly contributed their time, resources, and expertise to transform neighborhoods, instilling hope and building brighter futures for countless individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS,** the Rock the Block tradition has evolved in 2018 into partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County, the City of Delray Beach Neighborhood and Community Services Department, and the Delray Beach CRA to embody the principles of collaboration, empowerment, and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS,** Rock the Block demonstrates a commitment to affordable homeownership, neighborhood revitalization and resident engagement and aligns with our community's goals of fostering inclusive, thriving neighborhoods where all residents can flourish.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.,** Mayor of the City of Delray Beach on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2024 as:

## **“Rock the Block”**

and encourage everyone to join us as we show our appreciation for the countless volunteers who have invested their time and effort in Rock the Block since 1989 along with the City of Delray Beach, the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County for their invaluable contributions to Rock the Block and commend the unwavering dedication to building stronger, more resilient communities.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024.

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**THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.**  
**MAYOR**