

WHEREAS, the KOP Mentoring Network has been paying tribute to dedicated women who give unconditional love and guidance to children in Delray Beach for the past 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach's mothers are women of determination and vision. They serve as caregivers and guides, helping to build the foundation for our children's success and nurturing them as they grow and explore the great promise of our Nation. Through these mothers' examples, children come to understand the virtue of kindness, the blessing of compassion, and the importance of principle. A mother's support encourages children to make right choices, set high goals, and become good citizens. A mother's love inspires children to achieve their full potential and strengthens the character of our country. The commitment and love of mothers reflect the best of America; and

WHEREAS, on Mother's Day, we pay tribute to the extraordinary women whose guidance and unconditional love shape our lives and our future. Motherhood often allows little time for rest. As President Theodore Roosevelt said of the American mother in 1905, "Upon her time and strength, demands are made not only every hour of the day but often every hour of the night." President Roosevelt's words ring as true today as they did 100 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the hard, perpetual work of motherhood shows us that a single soul can make a difference in a young person's future. As sources of hope, stability, and love, these mothers teach young people to honor the values that sustain a free society. By raising children to be responsible citizens, mothers serve a cause larger than themselves and strengthen our community; and

WHEREAS, mothers are tireless advocates for children. In our schools, mothers help to ensure that every child reaches his or her full potential. In our community, they set an example by reaching out to those who are lost and offering love to those who hurt. A mother's caring presence helps children to resist peer pressure, focus on making the right choices, and realize their promise and potential; and

WHEREAS, in an hour of testing, one person can show the compassion and character of a whole country. In supporting their sons and daughters as they grow and learn, these mothers bring care and hope into others' lives and make our city a more just, compassionate, and loving place.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CARY D. GLICKSTEIN, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim May 7, 2016 as:

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LADIES OF DISTINCTION DAY***

and encourage all residents of this All-America City to express their love, appreciation, and admiration to these mothers for making a difference in the lives of our children, families, and community. Also call upon citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of May, 2016.

**CARY D. GLICKSTEIN
MAYOR**