

WHEREAS, Autism Acceptance Month is observed annually in April, and intended to increase inclusion and acceptance of people with autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a neurological and developmental disability that affects social, communication and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, Autism is one of the fastest growing developmental disabilities in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 1 in 36 children have Autism; and

WHEREAS, while there is no known cause of Autism, early diagnosis often makes it possible for individuals to receive resources that can lead to significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Acceptance Month in the hope that a better informed public will be more inclusive of autistic individuals; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness Delray Beach will light up City Hall in blue throughout the month of April to educate and increase acceptance and awareness to the general public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April as:

“Autism Acceptance Month”

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and urge all citizens, schools, businesses and community organizations to join with me in recognizing the value and the need for programs that encompass our entire community.

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 9th day of April 2024.

Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor