

WHEREAS, safe, clean and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, although Florida's water supplies are finite, the state's population and need for water resources continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, water reuse provides a means for conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources and is key to the state's sustainable water future; and

WHEREAS, Florida has established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as state objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, Florida has risen to be the national leader in water reuse -- reusing 727 million gallons of reclaimed water per day to conserve freshwater supplies and replenish our rivers, streams, lakes, and aquifers; and

WHEREAS, Florida's permitted reuse capacity is almost 1.7 billion gallons per day (more than 65 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities); and

WHEREAS, WateReuse Florida, the state section of the WateReuse Association, has proclaimed the week of May 14-18, 2018 as Florida Water Reuse Week; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach has joined with WateReuse Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the South Florida Water Management District in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach has implemented a water reuse program and encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PATROLIA, MAYOR of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City commission, hereby supports WateReuse Florida and proclaims May 14-18, 2018, as

WATER REUSE WEEK

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 15th day of May 2018.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**