

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach is celebrating its 10th year anniversary supporting the Campaign for Grade Level Reading which raises awareness about the importance of early childhood reading; and

WHEREAS, learning to read is the most essential and fundamental skill for academic achievement and future success of a child; and

WHEREAS, the third-grade reading milestone is important as after third grade, students pivot from learning to read to reading to learn; and

WHEREAS, community leaders, educators, policy makers, businesses, parents, and volunteers are encouraged to work together to raise awareness of the importance of literacy and join our Campaign for Grade Level Reading; and

WHEREAS, The City of Delray Beach is proud to celebrate the importance of literacy and promotion of early childhood education by designating October 28, 2021 as the 10th annual Delray Reads Day which has joined forces with the National Reading for the Record Program, where communities across the country will be reading on this day the book *Amy Wu and Patchwork Dragon*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim October 28, 2021 as:

Delray Reads Day!

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 19th day of October 2021.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**