

WHEREAS, the mission of One Mom's Battle (OMB) and the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children; and

WHEREAS, the mission of FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma and post-separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system; and

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on the empirical data and research that is currently available; and

WHEREAS, such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children; and

WHEREAS, research includes the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (CDC-Kaiser Permanente), the Saunder's Study (US Department of Justice), the Meier Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations (Joan Meier); and

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire for awareness and change in the family court system while honoring the over 800 children who have been murdered by separating or divorcing parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as:

FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH

and commend its observance by all citizens.

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 7th day of November 2023.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**