

**RESOLUTION NO. 86-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING JANET MEEKS FOR THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH.**

WHEREAS, Janet Meeks began her career with the City of Delray Beach on May 7, 1990 and on May 7, 2020, reached a milestone in her career, having achieved thirty years of full-time service with the City; and

WHEREAS, Janet was hired as a Planner II in the Planning and Zoning Department and was promoted to several positions during her career including Senior Planner, Education Coordinator, Assistant Director of Community Improvement and Deputy Director of Public Affairs. Janet's passion for education and her deep commitment to the children and families of Delray Beach called on her to return to Education Coordinator position in 2017 where she currently serves with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Janet was the lynchpin in the City's success in achieving its third All-America City award in 2017, the only city in Florida to achieve this national honor. Her Grade Level Reading Campaign, which also won Pacesetter Awards, has helped children achieve reading proficiency and early school success as well as promoting civic engagement and inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, Janet has created and implemented many award-winning programs such as Residents Academy, the Mayors Literacy Initiative "Delray Beach Get Caught Reading," Delray Reads Day, and Teen Townhalls, all of which enhanced the lives of Delray Beach citizens of all ages and contributed significantly to the quality of life in our Village by the Sea; and

WHEREAS, among many other accomplishments, Janet spearheaded the relocation of Atlantic Community High School, which required intergovernmental coordination, land acquisition and relocation of homeowners without using eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach has benefited greatly from Janet's vision and creativity and her skill in collaboration and team building. The positive impact she has had on the City, especially its youth, will be felt for generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the City Commission of the City of Delray Beach hereby recognizes and commends **Janet Meeks** for thirty years of dedicated and faithful public service.

**Section 2.** That the City Commission hereby congratulates and expresses sincere thanks and appreciation to **Janet Meeks** for her many years of service and wishes her the best of health and happiness in her continued employment.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** in regular session on this the 22<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

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Shelly Petrolia, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk