

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May 2024, the residents of Delray Beach, Florida and its visitors celebrate the importance of preserving historic resources and their significance to the local community; and

WHEREAS, Preservation Month began as National Preservation Week in 1973. In 2005, the National Trust extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even greater opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states; and

WHEREAS, Historic Preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and,

WHEREAS, implementing Historic Preservation has been shown to preserve the City's historic neighborhoods and its important architectural resources, provide financial incentives, and improve the local economy. Especially in Florida, attracting tourism and garnering interest in the City's architectural and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, local preservation groups, state historical societies, and business & civic organizations across the country celebrate Preservation Month through, the honoring of local historic sites, events that promote historic places, heritage tourism, and that demonstrate the social and economic benefits of historic preservation during the month of May 2024; and

WHEREAS, "*People Saving Places*" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2024, co-sponsored by the City of Delray Beach, Delray Beach Historical Society, Delray Beach Preservation Trust, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

WHEREAS, "*Caring for Historic Cemeteries*" is a part of theme for the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) who has partnered with the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) to encourage Floridians to help locate and document historic cemeteries across the state. An initiative to gather and maintain the most comprehensive information about historic cemeteries in Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

in the City of Delray Beach and urge citizens, businesses, and organizations to join me in this special observance.

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 May 2024.

Thomas F. Carney, Jr.
Mayor