

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The City of Delray Beach proudly recognizes *St. Matthew's Episcopal Church* for its longstanding commitment to serving the community beyond the pulpit.

Founded in 1908 by pioneers from the Bahamas seeking both opportunity and a place to worship, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church has stood as a pillar of faith, resilience, and compassion in Delray Beach for more than a century. Designated a historic site by the City of Delray Beach in 1989, the church has continuously opened its doors, grounds, and heart to meet the needs of the community.

For decades, St. Matthew's has provided more than spiritual guidance by partnering with community organizations to support residents experiencing hardship and housing insecurity. Through partnerships with Inter-Faith Committee for Social Services, the church hosts a shower truck and laundry services for unhoused individuals twice weekly, provides space for food outreach through The Caring Kitchen and The Lord's Place, operates a bi-weekly food pantry, and maintains a community garden promoting healthy living and sustainability.

The church also serves as a gathering place for wellness, fellowship, and empowerment through senior outreach groups, chair yoga and health initiatives, youth social skill programs, and the continued use of one of the community's longstanding event hall at affordable rates for families and organizations throughout the area.

The City Commission commends St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for over 100 years of faith in action, dedicated service, and unwavering commitment to uplifting the Delray Beach community.

May this Certificate of Recognition honor St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for its generations of faithful service, compassionate outreach, and invaluable contributions to the Delray Beach community.

Presented this 14th day of July 2026.

Thomas F. Carney, Jr.
Mayor