

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the month of August is observed as National Back-to-School Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach recognizes and celebrates members, organizations, and institutions in Delray Beach, FL who have taken bold action toward progress in education, including the integration of schools to create learning opportunities and access for all students regardless of race, culture, and status; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor community members who have taken courageous first steps to end separation and inequality in education and ensure that future generations of students and families are afforded the same opportunities as their counterparts; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the dedication, resiliency, and collaboration necessary between students, teachers, schools, families, and communities to create safe, equitable, and inclusive learning environments that ensure students are successful in schools and thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District of Palm Beach County and the City of Delray Beach continuously collaborate to provide each student- regardless of race, ethnicity, economic status, ability, national origin, religious affiliation, gender identity, or orientation- access and opportunities to develop personal, academic, and life skills; and

**WHEREAS**, we praise the efforts of our educators and administrators who create lifelong learning experiences that enrich the lives of all children and create environments where physical, emotional, academic, and social needs are met; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District of Palm Beach County and City of Delray Beach collaborate to ensure an educational environment where individuals of all backgrounds and experiences are embraced, affirmed, and inspired; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach is committed to supporting equitable and inclusive educational systems through its partnerships with local education providers, non-profits, community-based agencies, and cultural organizations that provide high-quality educational opportunities for residents of diverse backgrounds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim August 12<sup>th</sup> as:

### **“BACK TO SCHOOL DAY”**

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and urge all citizens, schools, businesses, and community organizations to join with me in recognizing the value and the need for safe, equitable, and inclusive educational opportunities.

**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 \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.**  
**MAYOR**