



# CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Chief Kerry B. Koen was a devoted public servant whose life and career were marked by a steadfast commitment to the safety, health, and well-being of the citizens of the City of Delray Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Koen served the citizens of Delray Beach on two separate occasions as Fire Chief, providing a combined total of sixteen (16) years of distinguished leadership and service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Koen was an integral part of the Delray Beach community, actively involved in numerous civic organizations and clubs, and consistently demonstrated a deep dedication to public service beyond the fire department; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Koen was instrumental in building and advancing modern fire and emergency medical services within the City of Delray Beach, earning a well-respected reputation as a forward-thinking leader and innovator in the fire rescue profession; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Koen cared deeply for the men and women of the Delray Beach Fire Rescue Department, passionately advocating for their safety, well-being, and professional excellence by ensuring they were equipped with the best tools, modern apparatus, and resources available; and

**WHEREAS**, under Chief Koen's leadership, four fire stations were constructed to update and modernize the department's facilities, improving working and living conditions for firefighters and enhancing emergency response capabilities throughout the city; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Kerry B. Koen's legacy of leadership, compassion, professionalism, and dedication continues to inspire generations of firefighters and public servants, even following his passing on April 11, 2025; and

**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

### DEDICATION OF DELRAY BEACH FIRE STATION 113 IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF CHIEF KERRY B. KOEN

in the City of Delray Beach recognizing his lasting contributions to the Fire Rescue Department, to the City of Delray Beach, and the community he faithfully served. This dedication shall stand as a permanent tribute to Chief Koen's legacy, ensuring that his name and service remain an enduring symbol of leadership, commitment, and excellence in public safety.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.

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Thomas F. Carney, Jr.  
Mayor