

WHEREAS, in 1991, C. Ron Allen, then a local newspaper reporter, established the Knights of Pythagoras Mentoring Network to provide a character building program for boy ages 7 to 17 in our community; and

WHEREAS, the organization, which later became a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity, has, to date, provided educational, mentoring and social services to more than 3,000 boys and girls in Palm Beach and Broward counties; and

WHEREAS, the future is, to a large measure, dependent on the good health of our families; and

WHEREAS, dental care is the most common chronic disease found in children; and

WHEREAS, good oral health habits start in childhood and can be achieved in part through good dental habits learned early and reinforced throughout life; and

WHEREAS, brushing twice daily using toothpaste with fluoride, flossing daily, having routine check-ups, drinking tap water if your community water system or private well has fluoride in it, and eating a diet low in sugary foods and drinks help prevent tooth decay; and

WHEREAS, an oral health literate and educated public is more empowered to embrace healthy oral hygiene and dietary behaviors and to make and keep dental appointments; and

WHEREAS, good health can be achieved in part through good dental habits learned early and reinforced throughout life; and

WHEREAS, while National Children's Dental Health Month is observed in the month of February, March 19, 2016 is set aside as Delray Dental Day in the City of Delray Beach; and

WHEREAS, the KOP Mentoring Network, under the leadership of C. Ron Allen, will coordinate a series of events including a poster and essay contest, a health fair, free dental screenings, classroom presentations and dental office tours to promote good oral health locally; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the observance of Delray Dental Day, members of the dental team, parents, teachers and others can help keep children's smiles beautiful now and for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CARY D. GLICKSTEIN, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim March 19, 2016 as:

DELRAY DENTAL DAY

in the City of Delray Beach and urge all residents to join in this observance. The inaugural, free to the public, Delray Dental Day festival will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Village Academy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 15th day of March, 2016.

**CARY D. GLICKSTEIN
MAYOR**