

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the historic American Declaration of Independence announced all the thirteen colonies in North America as "Free and Independent States"; and

WHEREAS, this day onward, July 4th came to be celebrated as the American Independence Day and the nation's birthday; and

WHEREAS, we offer our gratitude to all the American patriots, past and present, who have sought to advance freedom and lay the foundations of peace; and

WHEREAS, all people and races and groups and nations, everywhere in the world remain full of hope and promise where opportunity thrives; and

WHEREAS, we stand with America and continue to proclaim liberty throughout the world where our freedoms are celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2022, as:

Independence Day

and encourage all citizens of Delray Beach to observe this holiday with celebration of life and liberty.

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 14th day of June 2022.

SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR