

WHEREAS, small businesses account for ninety-three percent of all businesses in Delray Beach and are vital to our local economy; and

WHEREAS, small businesses nationally employ half of the private sector workforce by creating two out of three net, new jobs; and

WHEREAS, from the storefront shops that anchor Atlantic Avenue to our high-tech startups that keep us on the cutting edge, small businesses are the backbone and the cornerstone to our community's promise of prosperity for all; and

WHEREAS, small business owners and entrepreneurs embody the spirit of innovation and perseverance that drives Delray Beach's uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, local Delray Beach small businesses are supported and assisted by an extraordinary team of professionals 24/7/365 days a year from the City of Delray Beach, Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, Downtown Development Authority, Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative, West Atlantic Redevelopment Coalition, Florida Small Business Development Center at Palm Beach State College, SCORE and The TED Center; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States participate in an annual observance and celebration of Small Business during the month of May.

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

WE ♥ SMALL BIZ MONTH

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and encourage all residents, visitors and community leaders to tell and show our local small businesses they are appreciated during May and throughout the year,

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 19th day of April 2016.

CARY D. GLICKSTEIN
MAYOR