

WHEREAS, pickleball provides fun and affordable recreation opportunities for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, pickleball programs have become an integral part of communities throughout the country, including Delray Beach; and

WHEREAS, pickleball is among the fastest growing sports in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach, recognizing the popularity has added six permanent courts; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach Pickleball Club has 587 total members for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Delray Beach Pickleball Classic in 2022 had 1,000 participants, from beginners to professionals; and

WHEREAS, pickleball programs aid in building healthy and active communities which improves the physical, mental, and emotional health of all participants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach recognizes the benefits of this multigenerational sport and would like to proclaim the month of November as Pickleball Month.

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

“Pickleball Month”

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 Pickleball programs that encompass our entire community.

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 November 2023.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**