

WHEREAS, The Delray Beach American Little League was organized by Eddie Odom, Jr. In 1971 and granted a charter by Little League Baseball, Inc. on May 12, 1971. The league organized into four major league teams ages (9-12); and

WHEREAS, The Delray Beach American Little League expanded to charter Senior League (ages 13-15) and Tee-Ball (ages 6-8) in 1973 1st in the city of Delray Beach; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League in 1976 expanded and organized Big League Baseball serving youngsters ages 16-18;

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League in 1992 expanded to charter girls softball ages 9-15 which include two District Championships; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League won Senior League District 7 Championships in 1975, 1976, 1977; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League won the State of Florida Senior League championship in 1976 and participated in the Southern Regional Championships in Tampa, Florida finishing 3rd in the entire Southern Region of the United States; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League in 1978 won the first ever 13 year-old District 7 Championships later becoming the Junior League; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League won District 7 Big League Championships in 1979, 1981, 1982; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League has hosted the District and Regional championships for Big League baseball over the years; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League fostered the College careers of former players who played baseball on their college teams such as Jasper Brown, Gus Burgess, Jerome Burgess, Joseph Chaney, Michael Collins, Jody Flint, Terry Gammage, Rico Jackson, Roy Jackson, Artis Johnson, The late Murvile King, Jr., Steve King, Vic Mitchell, Vincent Mitchell, Eddie Odom,III, Anthony Potts, and Tamar Williams; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League has had players drafted and/or played professional baseball in the minor league programs such as Artis Johnson, Eddie Odom,III, Gus Burgess, Jerome Burgess, Terry Gammage, Willie Wilkins, with Gus Burgess making it to the official forty-man roster of the Boston Red Sox; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League was featured on the National News Show with Host Geraldo Rivera and the local channel 25 news for its uniqueness; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League has had the following individuals serve as president expanding forty years...Mathew "Bump" Mitchell, the late Percy Crudup, the late William Jones, Yvonne Odom, Eddie Odom Jr., Edward Mars, Ricardo Grant, Glynn Hollis, and the current president Terence Thomas; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League has served over ten thousand youngsters through the unyielding support and dedication of over two thousand adult volunteers including parents, managers, coaches, sponsors, and other supporters of Delray Beach for forty-five (45) years as an organized chartered Little League program; and

WHEREAS The Delray Beach American Little League has demonstrated the national goal of service to youth by providing an "outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation". The Delray Beach American Little League has inspired participants and enriched their lives for forty-five years in the Delray Beach Community at Pompey Park Recreation Center, proving that true excellence and leadership exists on and off the field.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARY GLICKSTEIN, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby recognize the Delray Beach American Little League for forty-five (45) years of continuous supreme excellence in athletic service to the youth of Delray Beach.

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 5th day of July, 2016.

CARY GLICKSTEIN
MAYOR

