



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, throughout the month of May 2026, the residents of Delray Beach, Florida and its visitors celebrate the importance of preserving historic resources and their significance to the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, Preservation Month began as National Preservation Week in 1973. In 2005, the National Trust extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even greater opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states; and,

**WHEREAS**, Historic Preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and,

**WHEREAS**, implementing Historic Preservation has been shown to preserve the City's historic neighborhoods and its important architectural resources, provide financial incentives, and improve the local economy. Especially in Florida, attracting tourism and garnering interest in the City's architectural and cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, local preservation groups, state historical societies, and business & civic organizations across the country celebrate Preservation Month through, the honoring of local historic sites, events that promote historic places, heritage tourism, and that demonstrate the social and economic benefits of historic preservation during the month of May 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, looking to the places that bring its most powerful promise to life, and to the preservationists making sure those places endure; and

**WHEREAS**, "*All people are created equal*" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2026 co-sponsored by the City of Delray Beach, Delray Beach Historical Society, Delray Beach Preservation Trust, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as:

### **"NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH"**

in the City of Delray Beach and urge citizens, businesses, and organizations to join me in this special observance.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Thomas F. Carney, Jr.  
Mayor