

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach is celebrating its 13<sup>th</sup> year anniversary supporting the Campaign for Grade Level Reading which raises awareness about the importance of early childhood reading; and

**WHEREAS**, learning to read is the most essential and fundamental skill for academic achievement and future success of a child; and

**WHEREAS**, the third-grade reading milestone is important as after third grade, students pivot from learning to read to reading to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, community leaders, educators, policy makers, businesses, parents, and volunteers are encouraged to work together to raise awareness of the importance of literacy and join our Campaign for Grade Level Reading; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Delray Beach is proud to celebrate the importance of literacy and promotion of early childhood education by designating October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Delray Reads Day which has joined forces with the National Reading for the Record Program, where communities across the country will be reading on this day the book Piper Chen Sings by Phillipa Soo and Maris Pasquale Doran and illustrated by Qin Leng; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as:

### **Delray Reads Day!**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

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**THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.**  
**MAYOR**