

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October, each year, to honor the cultures and histories of the Native American people centered around reflecting on their tribal roots and tragic past; and

WHEREAS, the International NGO Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas, held at United Nations' offices in Geneva on September 20-23, 1977, was a watershed event, the very first UN conference with Indigenous delegates; and

WHEREAS, the conference produced the first draft of what eventually became the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (thirty years later in 2007); and

WHEREAS, the date which was once observed as the day of the "Discovery of America", is now observed as an International Day of Solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim October 9, 2023 as:

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

in the City of Delray Beach and urge all residents to appreciate and recognize indigenous people internationally and nationally and enable them to live an economically viable existence in accordance with their own customs and traditions harmoniously within our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 18th day of September 2023.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**