

**WHEREAS**, multiple myeloma, the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow. It is called “multiple” because the cancer can occur at multiple sites; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 10,000 losing their battle each year; and

**WHEREAS**, once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under the age of 65; and

**WHEREAS**, because multiple myeloma is a rare disease, there can be a delayed diagnosis leading to delayed treatment. For this reason, an increased awareness of multiple myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and

**WHEREAS**, continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for multiple myeloma patients; and

**WHEREAS**, although we have seen important advances in the last decade, there is still no cure for Myeloma.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARY D. GLICKSTEIN**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of March 2017 as:

## **MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Delray Beach and encourage all residents to participate in voluntary activities to support Myeloma education and the funding of research programs to find a cure.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

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**CARY D. GLICKSTEIN**  
**MAYOR**