

WHEREAS, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to reduce energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and

WHEREAS, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move the City of Delray Beach toward a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and

WHEREAS, for cities like ours that are trying to address the threat of climate change, energy efficiency can get us nearly halfway toward our emissions reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, cutting energy waste saves U.S. households billions of dollars on their utility bills every year, up to \$500 per household from appliance efficiency standards alone; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national annual Energy Efficiency Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2022, as:

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

in the City of Delray Beach and urge all citizens to participate and assist with improving energy efficiency.

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 19th day of September 2022.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**