WHEREAS, access to clean air, safe water, healthy food, and sustainable shelter is fundamental to our well-being and resilience; and

WHEREAS, our environment directly impacts the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors in Delray Beach, and increasing awareness of environmental issues strengthens our community and enhances our ability to live, work, and play sustainably; and

WHEREAS, April 22, 1970, marked the first Earth Day, when an outpouring of public support for environmental protection helped lead to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and landmark legislation such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, we all share the responsibility of protecting the environment to preserve the health and prosperity of our community and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the development of a Climate Action Plan, encompassing Energy, Water, Transportation, Green Infrastructure, Waste, and Climate Resilience, serves as a blueprint for sustainability efforts across all City Departments, ensuring that environmental considerations are integrated into all municipal decisions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach is committed to leading by example, taking quantifiable action through the implementation of the Climate Action Plan to safeguard the health, security, and prosperity of future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM CARNEY, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as:

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in the City of Delray Beach and urge all citizens to take meaningful action—whether through community initiatives, conservation efforts, or sustainable practices—to help improve and protect our environment for all living beings.

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 8th day of April 2025.

THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR MAYOR