WHEREAS, Delray Beach has a diverse LGBTQ community that includes people of all ethnicities, religions and professions; and

WHEREAS, everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence and hatred based race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots which occurred 55 years ago on June 28, 1969 and is recognized as the catalyst of the LGBTQ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach remains committed to protecting the civil rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer communities; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag has been used as a symbol of LGBTQ Pride and LGBTQ social movements; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to acknowledge the need for education and that awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ community, and it is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances and build acceptance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, **I**, **Thomas F. Carney, Jr.**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby declare the month of June as:

LGBTQ Pride Month

in the City of Delray Beach and encourages all the communities of Delray Beach to recognize the enduring efforts and continued contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer communities within our city and to our country.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of June 2024.

THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR. MAYOR