



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Stroke Awareness Month is observed annually in May, and is intended to increase understanding and awareness of stroke symptoms and prevention strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, one in six people will have a stroke in their lifetime, and 80% of families are affected; additionally, stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability, putting a tremendous financial burden on individuals, families, as well as society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach is honored to take part in the annual observance of Stroke Awareness Month with the goal of encouraging the public to become more aware of the first signs of stroke and understanding the importance of calling 911 immediately to provide the patient with the best chance of a positive outcome; and

**WHEREAS**, all City of Delray Beach schools, medical facilities and health organizations and social service agencies will be encouraged to make stroke symptom awareness training a part of their protocols.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach encourages everyone to remember the acronym B.E.F.A.S.T. to recognize stroke symptoms: Balance, Eyes, Face, Arms, Speech, Time to get Help.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as:

### NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all our residents to join in this recognition of the necessity of educating ourselves on the initial signs of stroke and the importance of early medical intervention.

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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**THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.**  
**MAYOR**