



# CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the crack cocaine epidemic of the 1980s and 1990s caused widespread harm to communities nationwide, including here in Delray Beach, through punitive drug policies, mass incarceration, and family disruption; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of Delray Beach continue to face long-term consequences of this crisis, including barriers to recovery and reentry, and disparities in health, housing, and economic opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 22 million Americans have tried cocaine, and millions continue to struggle with substance use disorder; in Florida, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) reports thousands of treatment admissions for cocaine use in recent years, and from 2008 to 2022, cocaine-related deaths in Palm Beach County increased by nearly 400%, according to the Florida Medical Examiners Commission’s annual drug report; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Recovery Summit entitled “Reversing the Effects of the Crack Epidemic-Treating an Illness, Ending a War,” will be hosted in partnership with the Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County on September 26-27, 2025, and will feature keynote addresses, panel discussions, breakout sessions, action design labs, and youth-led advocacy to strengthen recovery systems, advance justice reform, and support community recovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim September 26-27, 2025, as:

### PALM BEACH COUNTY RECOVERY SUMMIT

in the City of Delray Beach and commend the Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County, its partners, and all participants for their leadership in supporting recovery and community wellness.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

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THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.  
MAYOR