

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida ranks sixteenth in the Nation for the highest homeless population and one in eight of the state's population struggles with hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Homeless Point-In-Time Count in 2024 identified 2,126 individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Hunger Relief Plan indicates that more than 300,000 residents struggle with hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Palm Beach County for very low-income residents, and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers, as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County Homeless Advisory Board has developed Leading the Way Home, a robust ten-year plan, designed as the next phase of ending homelessness in Palm Beach County; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of the Homeless Advisory Board, Homeless Coalition, Homeless and Housing Alliance, Palm Beach County Food Bank, The Lord's Place, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Adopt-A-Family, and other service providers in Palm Beach County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, do hereby proclaim the week of November 17-23, 2024 as:

## **National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Delray Beach to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

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