WHEREAS, mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps children and young adults by matching them with caring, responsible adults who can provide guidance and direction, and build their confidence; and

WHEREAS, mentors build character, encourage success, boost confidence, lift expectations, and inspire young people to do their best, serving as friends, role models, teachers, and sources of stability and support during a critical time in a child's life; and

WHEREAS, mentoring strengthens our community's economic and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their potential while helping maintain healthy families and promoting more vibrant communities.

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

National Mentoring Month

in the City of Delray Beach and call upon citizens to recognize the importance of mentoring and to look for opportunities to serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Delray Beach to be affixed this 7th day of January 2025.

THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR. MAYOR