

**WHEREAS**, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in our community and celebrate their heritage and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic Heritage observance began in 1968, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and

**WHEREAS**, under President Lyndon Johnson and later expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, Congress by Public Law 100-402, as amended, has authorized the issuance of a proclamation annually designating September 15 through October 15 as:

## **National Hispanic Heritage Month**

**NOW THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, do hereby join in the observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage all others to embrace the diversity and recognize the achievements of Hispanics in America and in the community.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA**  
**MAYOR**