



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach was formally organized in 1925, during the early years of the City’s development, and has maintained a continuous presence in the heart of the community for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the Church’s original Mission-style chapel, constructed in 1924 and still standing today, was listed on the Register of Historical Places in Delray Beach in 1999 and recognized as a State of Florida Historical Place of Interest in 2009, making it one of the City’s most cherished landmarks and a lasting symbol of the faith, determination, and vision of Delray Beach’s earliest residents; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, the Church provided worship services, hospitality, friendship, and comfort to the Airmen and Coast Guard personnel stationed in the area, serving as a spiritual home for those far from their own; and

WHEREAS, in response to a rapidly expanding congregation, a new Sanctuary was dedicated in 1977, enabling the Church to continue its growth and expand its ministries; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Church has been instrumental in supporting and funding numerous local non-profit agencies, several of which began their work on the Church property, thereby nurturing organizations that continue to benefit Delray Beach and beyond; and

WHEREAS, for a century, the members and leaders of First Presbyterian Church have faithfully served the spiritual needs of Delray Beach through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach ministries, building generations of disciples; and

WHEREAS, the Church has been a beacon of compassion, generosity, and service, offering food, shelter, counseling, youth programs, music, and mission opportunities that have touched the lives of countless residents and families; and

WHEREAS, the guiding mission of First Presbyterian Church — “Building Disciples and Transforming Lives” — continues to inspire and strengthen not only its congregation but also the wider Delray Beach community; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 100th Anniversary of this cornerstone institution of faith, service, and civic partnership in the City of Delray Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby acknowledge the:

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
DELRAY BEACH

in recognition and commendation of the Church for its enduring legacy of service, faith, and leadership in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Delray Beach, this 14th day of October 2025.

THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.
MAYOR