



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of Florida's economy, making up 99.7% of all businesses in the state; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 57.2% percent of the State of Florida's workforce and;

WHEREAS, since 1995, small businesses have generated more than 62% of net new jobs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach, Florida, recognizes and celebrates our local small businesses and the vital contributions they make through our We ♥ Small Biz year-round campaign; and

WHEREAS, 94% of consumers in the United States appreciate the contributions small businesses make in their community; and

WHEREAS, local business advocacy groups such as the Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority, Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, and the Delray Beach Office of Economic Development, as well as public and private organizations across the region, encourage and endorse the recognition of May 2026 as a month to support and recognize the contributions of small businesses in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR., MAYOR, of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim, May 2026, as:

SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

and urge the residents and visitors of our community to support local Delray Beach small businesses and merchants during Small Business Month.

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 5th day of May 2026.

THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.
MAYOR