

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach Internship Program and Next Generation Initiatives offers students the opportunity to learn firsthand how local government operates; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach recognizes the importance of increasing students' knowledge of City operations and the importance of community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the conviction of the City of Delray Beach that the active participation of the students in municipal government will increase their knowledge of civic affairs and offer opportunities for future employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is focused on developing its talent pipeline through our Next Generation Initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, this participation will strengthen and preserve the right of self-government guaranteed to us by the United States Constitution.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim July 16, 2024, as:

**“NEXT GENERATION INITIATIVES DAY”**

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and urge all residents, schools, businesses and community organizations to join with me in recognizing the value and the need for developing the talent pipeline in the City of Delray Beach. The City of Delray Beach encourages students to pursue our Shadow Day, Internship and Apprenticeship Programs where students will take the opportunity to develop a variety of skills and experience necessary in today's global economy.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

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THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.  
MAYOR