

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

WHEREAS, 93% of businesses in Delray Beach, Florida are small businesses and they are responsible for a majority of net new jobs created; and

WHEREAS, locally-owned independent businesses return twice as much to our local economy than absentee-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach, Florida supports its local businesses who create jobs, boost the local economy and add vibrancy to our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, when we shop local we strengthen our economy, demonstrate our commitment to our community and create goodwill.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, MAYOR, of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May as:

WE ♥ SMALL BIZ MONTH

and urge the residents and visitors of our community to support local Delray Beach small businesses and merchants this month and throughout the year.

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 3rd day of May 2022.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**