

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, as established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America’s law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Delray Beach Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Delray Beach Police Department are highly dedicated and trained individuals who demonstrate American ideals, the ultimate standard of character and courage in the face of danger; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Delray Beach Police Department are tasked with many duties every day, from ensuring public safety, to serving as front-line workers, to responding to incidents involving domestic violence, substance use disorders, mental health challenges, and homelessness, often with limited resources.; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of the police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence or disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, our police department has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the Delray Beach Police Department continues to be guided in their daily operations and strategic planning by the agency’s core values of Trust, Engagement, Accountability and Mindfulness.

WHEREAS, we proudly recognize our sworn members of law enforcement for their resolve and dedication, and we commend them for continually summoning the courage to fulfill their oath to protect and serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 11 through May 17 as:

**“DELRAY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORIAL WEEK”**

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and urge all citizens, schools, businesses, and community organizations to join with me in paying tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country; and to recognize and voice our appreciation for Delray Beach Police Department employees for their service, efforts and dedicated commitment to the community and for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime.

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 __ day of _____, 2022.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**