

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Delray Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach recognizes the benefits derived from the hard work, sacrifice and unwavering dedication that the men and women in the fire service have contributed throughout this country, including the communities of Delray Beach, Highland Beach and Gulfstream; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach's Fire Rescue department responds to over 17,000 calls for emergency service a year to address the needs of our citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the role of a firefighter today is one of dedication, commitment, sacrifice and willingness to put their lives on the line; and

WHEREAS, firefighters continue to play an integral role in protecting health and wellbeing of our people, have provided critical and timely comfort, and support to those affected; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, firefighters had to face the life-threatening COVID-19 pandemic where they have again demonstrated their commitment to service above self in the face of increased health and safety risks.

NOW THEREFORE, I Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach do hereby proclaim May 4, 2022 as:

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY

throughout this community and urge all of Delray Beach to take a moment and recognize the heroic efforts put forth by our fire department each day.

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**