

**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1776, the historic American Declaration of Independence announced all the thirteen colonies in North America as "Free and Independent States"; and

**WHEREAS**, this day onward, July 4<sup>th</sup> came to be celebrated as the American Independence Day and the nation's birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, we offer our gratitude to all the American patriots, past and present, who have sought to advance freedom and lay the foundations of peace; and

**WHEREAS**, all people and races and groups and nations, everywhere in the world remain full of hope and promise where opportunity thrives; and

**WHEREAS**, we stand with America and continue to proclaim liberty throughout the world where our freedoms are celebrated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA**, Mayor of the City of Delray, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2022, as:

# Independence Day

and encourage all citizens of Delray Beach to observe this holiday with celebration of life and liberty.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA**  
**MAYOR**