**WHEREAS,** the Clean Beaches Council, as part of Great Outdoors Month, has designated the week beginning July  $1^{st} - 7^{th}$  as National Clean Beaches Week; and

WHEREAS, beaches represent a critical part of our natural heritage and a beautiful part of the American landscape; and

WHEREAS, beaches are sensitive ecosystems, susceptible to degradation and alteration from climate change, erosion, natural forces, untreated sewage, litter and improper use; and

WHEREAS, communities and government have undertaken significant measures to keep beaches clean and healthy; and

WHEREAS, 180 million Americans make nearly 2 billion annual trips to the ocean, gulf and inland beaches and contribute over \$640 billion annually to the local, state, and national economy; and

WHEREAS, 75% of all recreational activity occurs within a half mile corridor around the shorelines of our beaches, rivers, and lakes; and

WHEREAS, coastal tourism and healthy, fresh seafood fuels robust economies – sustaining communities and supporting jobs along the coastal United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA,** Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim July  $1^{st} - 7^{th}$ , 2022 as

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in Delray Beach, Florida, and encourage all residents to visit, enjoy and protect our greatest natural resource.

**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.

SHELLY PETROLIA MAYOR