

**WHEREAS,** The Delray Woman’s Club was founded in 1902 by a group of 18 women originally known as “The Ladies Improvement Society”; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of “The Ladies Improvement Society” is being dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS,** “The Ladies Improvement Society” is noted for a vast number of accomplishments between 1904 and 1923 which includes establishing the Pine Ridge Cemetery, funded a new Town Hall building, instrumental in incorporating Delray into the Town of Delray, established the first library by donating books and establishing rules, deeded the cemetery to the Town of Delray, supported bringing electricity to town, fostered leadership to widen Atlantic Avenue by 10 feet, and petitioned to grant women the right to vote in local elections; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1924, “The Ladies Improvement Society” changed its name to The Woman’s Club of Delray Beach, Inc. who continue to carry on the proud tradition of fundraising, providing volunteer services to the community and financial support to a number of local projects and nonprofit organizations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA,** Mayor of the City of Delray, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim August 16, 2022, as the:

**GFWC Woman’s Club of Delray Beach Day**

and encourage all citizens in Delray Beach to observe their accomplishments and honor the contributions made by this organization.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR**