

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, and dedicated his life to all Americans being able to enjoy the freedom guaranteed every citizen under the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1994, millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Delray Beach have the opportunity to participate in events throughout our city on the King Day of Service, January 16, 2023, as well as create and implement community service projects where they identify the need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim January 16, 2023 as:

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in the City of Delray Beach, and call upon the people of the City of Delray Beach to put his teachings into action through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA**  
**MAYOR**