

WHEREAS, in the early years of the 1990's, Norman Radin, a local businessman, community activists, City Officials, a beloved local, Gene Fisher, Dottie Patterson from the Historic Preservation Society, Bob Currie, a world-renowned Architect, Chris Reich of Delray Camera and Sangay of Pat's Beverage embarked on saving a once thriving district from an apparent state of disrepair. This district, known for its colorful artists, quaint homes and retail businesses was located just north of Atlantic Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a plan for redevelopment of Pineapple Grove was created through the Florida Main Street program; and

WHEREAS, the Pineapple Grove Arts District in Delray is dotted with murals and sculptures, and is home to Artists Alley, galleries, shops, and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the Pineapple Grove Arts District's Vision has been to make Pineapple Grove a vibrant and unique international arts district where people can live, work and play with a Mission to promote the Pineapple Grove Arts District as a thriving arts destination by advocating for the Arts District and collaborating with City and County partners while fostering its evolving character and maintaining the District's historic charm; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the Pineapple Grove ArtWalk was formed. The Pineapple Grove's Main Street Board of Directors had the privilege of assisting with incorporating a Neighborhood Plan for the district which was later adopted by the City; and

WHEREAS, the primary focus of the marketing and promotion was art on the street and conscientious advocacy of the District and its interests; and

WHEREAS, the District was diligent in helping existing tenants market their businesses and market Pineapple Grove as a destination for visitors and possible new development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach appreciates the years of service and dedication of the members of the Pineapple Grove Arts Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby recognize the:

PINEAPPLE GROVE ARTS BOARD

in the City of Delray Beach and urge all residents to join us in applauding the efforts and dedicated service received from the Pineapple Grove Arts District.

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 17th day of January 2023.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**