

**WHEREAS**, the origin of Presidents' Day lies in the 1880s, when the birthday of George Washington—commander of the Continental Army during the American Revolution and the first president of the United States—was first celebrated as a federal holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved a number of federal holidays to Mondays; and

**WHEREAS**, it was proposed that Washington's Birthday be renamed Presidents' Day to honor the birthdays of both George Washington (February 22) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12); and

**WHEREAS**, following much discussion, Congress initially rejected the name change, but after the bill went into effect in 1971, Presidents' Day became the commonly accepted name; and

**WHEREAS**, Presidents' Day is usually marked by public ceremonies in Washington, D.C., and throughout the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim February 19, 2024 as:

## **PRESIDENTS' DAY**

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and encourage all citizens, officials and employees to remember the contributions made by all presidents in this country.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR**