

WHEREAS, the week of May 14 through 21, 2018, is observed as in the City of Delray Beach and nationally Infrastructure Week; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach relies on critical infrastructure, including our roads and bridges, our railroads and transit systems, our ports and airports, our pipes and water system, our reliable power supply, our access to broadband, and our connectivity to the regional, national, and global economy; and

WHEREAS, this infrastructure enhances our local and regional economy, our quality of life, our safety, and the strength of our communities; and

WHEREAS, decades of underfunding and deferred maintenance have pushed infrastructure to the brink of a national crisis, with preventable catastrophic failures, including derailments and collapses, occurring as a result; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America risks losing its competitive advantage to foreign economies by failing to adequately invest in its infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Americans are waiting in traffic, wasting time and money because of our poor infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, every dollar invested in infrastructure generates nearly two dollars in economic output; and

WHEREAS, to grow our economy, keep Americans safe, and strengthen our communities, we need all levels of government and the private sector to work together to rebuild and repair our nation's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week 2018 has been established to highlight infrastructure investment needs, and to recognize and encourage leadership at the federal, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week challenges policy-makers and the public to address the challenges facing U.S. infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, despite fiscal challenges, it is important for the City of Delray Beach to dedicate sufficient resources to transportation and infrastructure investments in our community; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this Proclamation be delivered to state and federal elected officials representing our community and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim that the City of Delray Beach officially recognizes the week of May 14th, 2018 as:

INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK

and urge the citizens of Delray Beach to join in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach to be affixed this 15th day of May, 2018.

SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR