

WHEREAS, Mattie Brown's longevity of life has been a beautiful and special blessing to not only her daughter (preceded her in death), but to grandchildren, great grandchildren, church family, various church congregations within Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Boca Raton and her neighborhood community. All have benefited from her wisdom, knowledge, passionate caring ways and vast experiences; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach honors and celebrates with much respect, the many contributions that Mattie Brown has given to her community, family, friends and all whom were in her presence; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Lee Brown was born in Cobbtown Georgia on April 3, 1918 to Bertie and Offie Sutton. Her family moved to Delray Beach in 1926 where they lived on 5th Avenue in a small house. The roads were not yet paved; dirt roads were everywhere. She says her purpose in life is to encourage and help others believe in themselves and her motto in life is "Through God, all things are possible". All who knows her describes her as strong, beautiful, confident, nurturing, "no nonsense" and she always has a listening ear and a plate of homecooked food for all in need; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Lee Brown is a faithful member of Living Hope Recovery Ministry where she loves her church family and her adopted grandson (which is also the Pastor) Robert Lester Jr. She states, "I've come this far by faith and I don't feel no ways tired". When she moved to Delray Beach, she and her family were faithful members of Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mattie Lee Brown will be honored today and this entire year for her 100 years on this earth.

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

Mrs. Mattie Lee Brown

for her amazing 100 years of life. We wish her well and many more blessed years to come.

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 15th day of May, 2018.

SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR