

RESOLUTION NO. 121-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH EXPRESSING RESPECT FOR THE INNATE DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE AND AFFIRMING THE CITY'S LONG HISTORY OF HOSPITALITY AND INCLUSIVENESS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place, where people, families, and businesses thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, our Village by the Sea has and will continue to foster a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of origin, to enhance Delray's cultural fabric, promotes economic vitality and overall prosperity for current and future generations.; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach is committed to continue building an inclusive and welcoming neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all are welcome and accepted; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between native-born and foreign-born community members are crucial to encouraging and preserving Delray's welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, Delray encourages business leaders, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions, and residents to join a community-wide effort to expand prosperity and inclusion for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach currently offers and/or supports programming that aligns with the "Welcoming America Network" principles, such as: Rock the Block, We <3 Small Biz Month, Racial Equity Institute, and the Frog Alley Caribbean Festival, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems approval of this Resolution to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and citizens of the City of Delray Beach and the public at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and ratified.

Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Delray Beach does hereby affirm and declare that the Welcoming Delray initiative does and has helped to unite our community and ensure that all people, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or place of origin are welcome in the City of Delray Beach.

Section 3. The City Commission urges all residents of Delray Beach to do their part to reach out and take affirmative steps to be inclusive and welcoming to all who live in or visit our City.

Section 4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session on the ____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

Shelly Petrolia, Mayor

Katerri Johnson, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

R. Max Lohman, City Attorney