

**WHEREAS**, during the past few decades, the field of alternative dispute resolution has grown tremendously, and the state of Florida is nationally recognized as a pioneer and leader in promoting alternative dispute resolutions and mediations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the American Bar Association declared the third week of October as Mediation Week to recognize the utilization of mediation as one of several appropriate dispute resolution processes; and

**WHEREAS**, mediation empowers individuals to take control of their lives and devise solutions to conflicts which are tailored to their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, through their concentrated expertise in helping parties find lasting solutions to complex problems, mediators, and other dispute resolution practitioners have continually demonstrated the value of the field of alternative dispute resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, mediation along with the principles and practices that it embodies can be a crucial tool for peacemaking between individuals, groups, units, neighborhoods, as well as governments; and our region continuous to be a leader in those efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County extends its appreciation to the members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association for their efforts to promote alternative dispute resolution throughout the county.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida do hereby declare October 14, 2018 – October 20, 2018 as:

**Mediation Week**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

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Shelly Petrolia  
MAYOR