WHEREAS, people from all walks of life, including families with children, employed and unemployed workers, elderly residents, veterans, disabled individuals, and youth are impacted by hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Palm Beach County for very low-income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2018 is focused on bringing America home by eliminating barriers to accessing essential services, such as affordable housing, affordable health care, child care, education, and the costs of basic necessities that often contribute to hunger, food insecurity, and people experiencing homelessness on any given night in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of the Homeless Advisory Board, Homeless Coalition, Homeless and Housing Alliance, Palm Beach County Food Bank and other service providers in Palm Beach County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, do hereby proclaim that the week of November 10-18, 2018, is hereby declared:

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida to be affixed this 6th day of November 2018.

SHELLY PETROLIA MAYOR