

WHEREAS, Pickleball has 3 million players across the world; and

WHEREAS, the US Open for Pickleball held in Naples for the first time in 2016 had 600 players, 2017 had 1300 players, 2018 had over 2000 players from 17 countries and 47 states. Including one player from Mumbai, India. Ages ranged from 10-91 years of age; and

WHEREAS, according to the USAPA, the national Pickleball organization, there has been a 385% increase of places to play since 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic South region, including Florida, has seen a 17% increase of players to 45,000 since 2017; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach Pickleball Club started enrolling members in February 2017 and presently have 230 members. To date they have enrolled 70 new members for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Delray Beach Pickleball Classic in 2017 had 400 players, making it the largest Pickleball tournament ever held in Southeastern Florida; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2018, the 2018 Delray Beach Pickleball Classic is expected to have 500 players and by popular demand has included a wheelchair division; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach recognizes the benefits of this multigenerational sport and would like to proclaim the month of November as Pickleball Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim November as:

“Pickleball Month”

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and urge all citizens, schools, businesses and community organizations to join with me in recognizing the value and the need for Pickleball programs that encompass our entire community.

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 27th day of November 2018.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**