Whereas, many times people need help in meeting life's basic needs; and

Whereas, they may experience times of crisis and are not sure where to turn... 2-1-1 HelpLine is that central access point providing people of all walks of life the guidance and support they need; and

Whereas, with over 104,000 requests for help last year; calls to 2-1-1 are free, confidential, 24/7, with text messaging and online chat also available; and

Whereas, 2-1-1 also has specialized advocacy and support programs that include 2-1-1's Special Needs HelpLine, 2-1-1's Help Me Grow catching children's developmental delays early, Elder Crisis Outreach and;

Whereas, 2-1-1's life-saving "Sunshine" daily phone calls continue to brighten the lives of local seniors;

Now, Therefore, I, Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, hereby proclaim February 2019 as:

2-1-1 Awareness Month

in <u>Delray Beach</u>, and urge all citizens to be aware that if they are overwhelmed and in crisis or just need to talk...2-1-1 is available any time of day or night.

2-1-1 staff can also provide referrals for Mental Health Counseling, Substance Abuse, Health Care, Employment, Food Assistance, Day Care, Support Groups, Volunteering, VITA free income tax preparation and so much more...

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this _____th day of February, 2019.

SHELLY PETROLIA MAYOR