

WHEREAS, in the Indian culture, “Holi”, is an ancient Hindu religious festival, which marks the end of winter and the arrival of spring; and

WHEREAS, celebrating the triumph of good over evil, Holi is a festival of love, friendship, forgiveness and equality; and

WHEREAS, on the day of Holi, people of all backgrounds and ages come together to celebrate, throwing colored powder and water at each other; and

WHEREAS, this festival of colors is celebrated in India and Nepal, by the Indian Diaspora across the globe, and here in our own community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2019 as

HOLI FESTIVAL

in Delray Beach and, in so doing, encourage all people to enjoy this celebration in the spirit of love and laughter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 12th day of March 2019.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**