

WHEREAS, Delray Beach's vibrancy is driven by small business owners and entrepreneurs who think big, take risks and work hard; and

WHEREAS, small businesses account for 95% of Delray Beach's total number of business establishments and they are the primary job creators of our community; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach was named #5 Best Small City to Start a Small Business by Verizon Business in August 2018; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach small businesses are supported by an extraordinary team of professionals who care for and assist them throughout the year from the 1909 Accelerator, Arts Warehouse, City of Delray Beach, CareerSource Palm Beach County, Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, Delray Beach GreenMarket, Delray Beach Office of Economic Development, Delray Beach Public Library, Downtown Development Authority, Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida Atlantic University, Florida Women's Business Center, Healthier Delray Beach, Manpower, Pineapple Grove Arts District, SCORE, The TED Center, THRIVE and the West Atlantic Redevelopment Coalition; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States participate in an annual observance and celebration of Small Business during the month of May;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as:

WE ♥ SMALL BIZ MONTH

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and encourage all residents, visitors and community leaders to show our small businesses and entrepreneurial firms they are appreciated during May and throughout the year by shopping, dining and buying their local goods and services,

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 7th day of May 2019.

Shelly Petrolia
Mayor