

**WHEREAS**, safe, clean and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, although Florida's water supplies are finite, the state's population and need for water resources continue to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, water reuse provides a means for conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources and is key to the state's sustainable water future; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as state objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes, and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has risen to be the national leader in water reuse -- reusing 727 million gallons of reclaimed water per day to conserve freshwater supplies and replenish our rivers, streams, lakes, and aquifers; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's permitted reuse capacity is almost 1.7 billion gallons per day (more than 65 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities); and

**WHEREAS**, WaterReuse Florida, the state section of the WaterReuse Association, has proclaimed the week of May 14-18, 2019 as Florida Water Reuse Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Delray Beach has joined with WaterReuse Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the South Florida Water Management District in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Delray Beach has implemented a water reuse program and encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PATROLIA, MAYOR** of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City commission, hereby supports Water Reuse Florida and proclaims May 14-18, 2019, as

### **WATER REUSE WEEK**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR**