**Whereas**, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in our community and celebrate their heritage and culture; and

**Whereas**, the Hispanic Heritage Month roots go back to 1968, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and

**Whereas**, to honor the achievements of Hispanics in America, Congress by Public Law 100-402, as amended, has authorized the issuance of a proclamation annually designating September 15 through October 15 as:

## **National Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Now, Therefore, I, SHELLY PETROLIA**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, do hereby join in the observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage all others to embrace the diversity and celebrate Hispanics in the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this			
		ELLY PETROLIA	
	M.A	AYOR	