

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach has joined a national call to action for the Campaign for Grade Level Reading to raise awareness about the importance of early childhood reading; and

WHEREAS, learning to read is the most essential and fundamental skill for academic achievement and future success of a child; and

WHEREAS, the third-grade reading milestone is important as after third grade, students pivot from learning to read to reading to learn; and

WHEREAS, community leaders, educators, policy makers, businesses, parents, and volunteers are encouraged to work together to raise awareness of the importance of literacy and join our Campaign for Grade Level Reading; and

WHEREAS, The City of Delray Beach is proud to promote the importance of literacy by designating November 7, 2019 as the eight annual Delray Reads Day which has joined forces this year with the National Reading for the Record Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim November 7, 2019 as:

Delray Reads Day!

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 5th day of November 2019.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**