

WHEREAS, pickleball has 3 million players across the world; and

WHEREAS, according to the USAPA, the national Pickleball organization, there has been a 385% increase of places to play since 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic South region, including Florida, has seen a 17% increase of players to 45,000 since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Delray Beach Pickleball Classic is expected to have over 400 participants and by popular demand has included a wheelchair division; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach Pickleball Club offers a free weekly introductory beginner clinic at Catherine Strong Park; and

WHEREAS, the Delray Beach Pickleball Club sponsored a Back to School event to benefit the Achievement Center for Children and Families; and

WHEREAS, the Delray Beach Pickleball Club has organized fundraising Round Robin's to benefit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, The Gift of Life, and the Children's Burn Unit of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Delray Beach Pickleball Club fundraising has allowed them to donate \$3,000 to these organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Delray Beach Pickleball Club has sponsored several CPR trainings with a certified EMT and forty-three people have completed the training; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach recognizes the benefits of this multigenerational sport and would like to proclaim the month of November as Pickleball Month.

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

“Pickleball Month”

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and urge all citizens, schools, businesses and community organizations to join with me in recognizing the value and the need for Pickleball programs that encompass our entire community.

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**