

**WHEREAS**, mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps children and young adults by matching them with a caring, responsible adults who can provide guidance and direction, and build their confidence; and

**WHEREAS**, mentors build character, encourage success, boost confidence, lift expectations, and inspire young people to do their best, serving as friends, role models, teachers, and sources of stability and support during a critical time in a child's life; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring strengthens our communities economic and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their potential while helping maintain healthy families and promoting more vibrant communities.

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

### **National Mentoring Month**

in the City of Delray Beach and call upon citizens to recognize the importance of mentoring and to look for opportunities to serve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Delray Beach to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA**  
**MAYOR**