

WHEREAS, the Clean Beaches Council, as part of Great Outdoors Month, has designated the week beginning July 1st – 7th as National Clean Beaches Week; and

WHEREAS, beaches represent a critical part of our natural heritage and a beautiful part of the American landscape; and

WHEREAS, beaches are sensitive ecosystems, susceptible to degradation and alteration from climate change, erosion, natural forces, untreated sewage, litter and improper use; and

WHEREAS, communities and government have undertaken significant measures to keep beaches clean and healthy; and

WHEREAS, 180 million Americans make nearly 2 billion annual trips to the ocean, gulf and inland beaches and contribute over \$640 billion annually to the local, state, and national economy; and

WHEREAS, 75% of all recreational activity occurs within a half mile corridor around the shorelines of our beaches, rivers, and lakes; and

WHEREAS, coastal tourism and healthy, fresh seafood fuels robust economies – sustaining communities and supporting jobs along the coastal United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim July 1st – 7th, 2021 as

NATIONAL CLEAN BEACHES WEEK

in Delray Beach, Florida, and encourage all residents to visit, enjoy and protect our greatest natural resource.

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 8th day of June, 2021.

**SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR**