

**WHEREAS**, the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum was founded by the nonprofit Expanding and Preserving Our Cultural Heritage (EPOCH) and opened its doors on July 27, 2001, to ensure the contributions, traditions, and history of early African American settlers in Palm Beach County were preserved and commemorated; and

**WHEREAS**, the museum was named after Solomon D. Spady, who was an educator and community leader in the City of Delray Beach from the 1920s through the 1950s. Mr. Spady served as principal for 28 years at George Washington Carver High School and his legacy lives on in the community that he touched; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of Mr. Spady, the museum is located inside his 1926 historic home. Over the past 20 years, the museum has served as a cultural anchor in the West Settler's Historic District and contributes to the City of Delray Beach's economy by providing cultural tourism experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum serves as an invaluable source of information for educating the public about the community's early African American history and culture. The museum is an advocate and practitioner of preservation which includes the Spady House and Williams Cottage; and

**WHEREAS**, each year thousands of visitors annually enjoy the City Bus Tours, Black History Exhibits, Martin Luther King, Jr. Brunch, Juneteenth Celebration, Kwanzaa Celebration, and Author Talks hosted by the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim and recognize July 27, 2021, as:

**“THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPADY  
CULTURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM”**

and call upon all citizens to join in recognizing and commending the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum for its outstanding achievements in preserving the heritage and traditions of the Palm Beach County's African American 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 13th day of July 2021.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR**