

**WHEREAS:** Every 10 seconds, a cat or dog is euthanized in a shelter in the United States. In 2013, the nonprofit Pets Broward was founded to change this statistic by rescuing, fostering, and promoting adoptions and animal welfare services for pets in need; and

**WHEREAS:** The organization raises awareness and understanding of the problems shelter pets face and advocates for policy change that will have positive benefits for both shelter pets and owned pets; and

**WHEREAS:** Pets Broward connected with the dog-friendly City of Delray Beach to expand its mission to protect and support animals in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS:** Locals from the City of Delray Beach have partnered with Pets Broward to organize its first annual Pooches and Presents in the Park event; to bring the community together, encourage residents to adopt animals, and improve the lives of dogs by finding them forever homes; and

**WHEREAS:** The free pet-friendly event will host activities that appeal to dogs and residents of all ages. The festivities include photos with Santa Claus, holiday gift shopping, and a K-9 working show led by the City of Delray Beach Police Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA,** Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim November 7, 2021, as:

## **DELRAY IS GOING TO THE DOGS DAY**

and encourage all residents of Delray Beach to enjoy the holiday season by supporting animals in need at the first annual Pooches and Presents in the Park event on Sunday, November 7, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Old School Square.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR**