WHEREAS, on May 17, 2016, the City of Delray Beach entered into a Sister Cities Partnership between the City of Delray Beach, Florida and the City of Aquin, Haiti to strengthen relations and provide mutual benefit to their community; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities of Delray Beach, Inc. is an independent nonprofit organization which was created by the Delray Beach City Commission in April of 1977 for the purpose of aiding the City by supporting the sister city relationships that the City of Delray Beach has entered into; and,

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2021, an Earthquake of 7.2 magnitude struck southwestern Haiti, approximately 10 miles NNW of the City of Aquin; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2021, Tropical Depression Grace made landfall over southwestern Haiti, generating heavy rains and strong winds; and

WHEREAS, according to the Government of Haiti, there have been reports of more than 2,207 deaths, 12,200 people injured and more than 129,900 houses damaged or destroyed, including damage to the City of Aquin's hospital; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) and Joint Task Force (JTF), Haiti continues to support relief efforts in response to the earthquake, including transporting humanitarian personnel and emergency relief commodities from Haiti's capital City of Port-au-Prince to affected areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach through its relationship with Sister Cities of Delray Beach would like to support relief efforts to help rebuild the City of Aquin, Haiti during their time of devastation from the recent natural disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2021 as:

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and encourage all citizens and businesses in Delray Beach to support the relief efforts of Aquin, Haiti.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach to be affixed this 13th day of September 2021.

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SHELLY PETROLIA
MAYOR