WHEREAS, October 7, 2021, marks the 20th anniversary of the launch of Operation Enduring Freedom, the invasion of Afghanistan after the September 11, 2001 attacks; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and celebrate veterans and those who were the homefront for troops who deployed (parents, spouses, siblings, children) for Operation Enduring Freedom, which launched on October 7, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic Community High School Army Junior Reserve Office Training Corps along with the Lake Worth Beach Community High School Air Force Junior Reserve Office Training Corps, the City of Delray Beach, the Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority, the Delray Beach Playhouse, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Team Red, White & Blue, American Legion Post 277 and the Veterans & Homefront Voices will join together to participate in an Operation Enduring Freedom ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the Operation Enduring Freedom ceremony will take place on October 7, 2021, at the Delray Beach Playhouse located at 950 NW 9th St, Delray Beach, FL 33444 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2021 as:

Operation Enduring Freedom Day

and encourage residents of Delray to share with the community who the veterans and their homefront are and how they have served. We also encourage our community to adopt models on ways to serve our veterans and homefront members in the broader 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 <u>23rd</u> day of September 2021.

SHELLY PETROLIA MAYOR