PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories; and,

WHEREAS, the American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of the city and environment; and,

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month in Delray Beach provides the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of Delray Beach's Planning and Zoning Board, Site Plan Review and Appearance Board, Historic Preservation Board, and Board of Adjustment who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of Delray Beach; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the value of conscientious and thoughtful input from its residents into planning exercises, which has contributed to the success of the City of Delray Beach; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission celebrates the historic contributions of our community through the return of the Historic Preservation Board Awards Program, and by better understanding our historic assets and corridors by receiving \$200,000 in grants to study historic assets and corridors, memorialize historic records in digital format, and survey the Historic Delray Beach Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes and supports the Development Services Department of the City of Delray Beach for inviting local high school students to participate as volunteers over the summer, and hosting events throughout the year to increase knowledge and engagement in the community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim <u>OCTOBER</u> as:

"COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH"

in the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and urge all citizens, schools, businesses and community organizations to join with me in recognizing the value and the need for community planning within our City.

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 _____ day of _____, 2021.

SHELLY PETROLIA MAYOR