

**WHEREAS**, in recognition that the Jones and Banks families both have deep roots and generations of legacy in Palm Beach County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the extended Jones and Banks families are socially active participants of South Florida and the Palm Beach community, living, working, and serving a business owners, entrepreneurs, and leaders among their church communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Corey Jones was the son of Clinton Jones, Sr. and Anita Banks, and the brother of Clinton Jones, Jr., Melissa Jones, Cevon Jones, and Chanda Jones; and

**WHEREAS**, Corey Jones was a well-known, well-liked, highly-regarded, respected, beloved, caring, selfless, and socially active member of the South Florida and Palm Beach County communities, and

**WHEREAS**, Corey Jones, a 31-year-old African-American man, was needlessly shot and tragically murdered in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida by a plainclothes police officer while waiting for a tow truck on the side of the highway; and

**WHEREAS**, for the first time in three decades, a South Florida jury convicted the police officer of manslaughter and attempted murder in the 2015 killing of Mr. Corey Jones; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach, in recognition of the racial, civic, social, and societal injustices that have become known nationally, including acknowledging institutional, systemic racism against people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, on this date, October 18, 2021, the City of Delray Beach, Florida, wishes to commemorate, memorialize, celebrate and honor the life of Mr. Corey Jones.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim that October 18, 2021 and every year forthwith, shall be known and recognized as:

## **Corey Jones Memorial**

Now granted, in good faith, honor, and respect for Corey Jones, a young man whose life was needlessly cut short, with love and sincerity to the Jones and Banks families, and to the friends and members of the various communities whose lives Corey Jones touched.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 5th day of October 2021.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR**