

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Boynton Beach and Delray Beach had two public high schools until 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the two public high schools were Carver High School, which housed all the African American students and Seacrest High School; and

**WHEREAS**, the desegregation of Palm Beach County public schools happened gradually from 1961 to 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, Seacrest High School had been integrated since 1961 where Ms. Yvonne Lee Odom was the first African American to attend; and

**WHEREAS**, a committee representing both schools met in 1969 in an effort to set guidelines to advance the operational development of the two schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the selection committee narrowed the two school names down to Atlantic High and Gulfstream High and by a majority vote, Atlantic High was selected; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1970, Atlantic High School was created; and

**WHEREAS**, the school colors remained green and white from Seacrest High School since many students could not afford to purchase uniforms. The school mascot was accepted from Carver High School which was the Eagle; and

**WHEREAS**, Atlantic High School's first graduating class of 1971 with 443 students strong have had numerous successful and renowned student and staff accomplishments and has become an International Baccalaureate School.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Shelly Petrolia, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby declare the last Friday in October as:

## **ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL DAY**

and encourage the community to join in the celebration of Atlantic High School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and recognize the accomplishments and contributions made to this community and the country by African Americans.

**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 19th day of October 2021.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR**