



## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, bicycling plays an important role in the lives of millions of Floridians, including Delray Beach residents and visitors, who use bicycles as an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally-friendly form of transportation, recreation, and enjoyment; and

**WHEREAS**, the riding of bicycles reduces the number of cars on the roads, thereby reducing parking demand and increasing roadway capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, a bicycle-friendly community, such as Delray Beach, promotes community health and wellness, supports the local economy, attracts tourism dollars, improves traffic safety, and reduces pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach continues its commitment to building a safe, interconnected bicycle network throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach plans and constructs local municipal projects to make bicycling more accessible, including those that benefit all Delray Beach residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Delray Beach contributes to Palm Beach County's ever-expanding designated or enhanced bicycle lane network, with more than 250 miles of existing and 745 miles of planned facilities to create a safe, connected system of bicycle infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida recognizes March officially as Bicycle Month and the City of Delray Beach, along with Palm Beach County, will recognize it locally; and

**WHEREAS**, the recognition of Florida Bicycle Month in the City of Delray Beach will raise awareness of bicycling and ultimately promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles by elevating bicycling as a more widely accepted choice of transportation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as:

### FLORIDA BICYCLE 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 of bicycling within our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.



SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR