



## **Proclamation**

*Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida*

**WHEREAS**, thirty-six years have come and gone and still the activities carry on; and

**WHEREAS**, music, art, fish, shrimp, and seafood galore will be served to thousands along the shore; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage and Cortez Village Historical Society report that they are firmly "Rooted in History"; and

**WHEREAS**, Cortez Fishing Families now celebrate over 130 years of feeding the multitudes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage continues the large-scale habitat restoration project in the FISH Preserve, one of the last undeveloped stretches of shoreline on Sarasota Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for the 2018 Cortez Fishing Festival is: "Rooted in History"; and

**WHEREAS**, the 36th Annual Cortez Fishing Festival will be held on February 17 and 18, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that February 17 and 18, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as the

### **36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CORTEZ COMMERCIAL FISHING FESTIVAL DAYS**

in Manatee County, Florida.

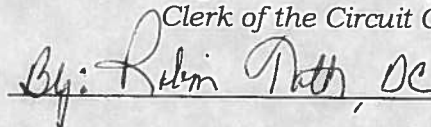
**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.

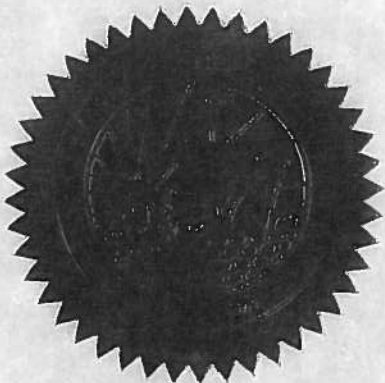
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**



*Priscilla Trace, Chairman*

**ATTEST:** *Angelina Colonnese*  
Clerk of the Circuit Court





February 13, 2018 - Regular Meeting  
Agenda Item #7

Subject

Thirty-sixth Annual Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival Days - February 17 and 18, 2018

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamation designating February 17 and 18, 2018, as the "36th Annual Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival Days" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

This year marks the 36th Annual Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival, a two-day celebration of the working waterfront that is Cortez. Festival-goers can explore Manatee County's last fishing docks, meet members of the commercial fishing industry, sample delicious local seafood, and peruse a variety of nautical arts and crafts. Live music will fill the air as thousands enjoy one of Manatee County's most historic and valuable communities. All proceeds of the festival benefit the Cortez FISH Preserve.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

0.00

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

0.00

Manatee County Government Administrative Center  
First Floor, Commission Chambers  
9:00 a.m. - February 13, 2018

Attachment: [Cortez Fishing Festival Proclamation.pdf](#)