



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

36TH ANNUAL CORTEZ COMMERCIAL FISHING FESTIVAL DAYS

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 13th day of February 2018.

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

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court*
