

## Cedar Key Seafood Festival

### Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Cedar Key recognizes the significance of the 53rd Cedar Key Seafood Festival, to be held on October 21 and 22, 2023 and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride and gratitude that we inaugurate the Cedar Key "Year of the Clam" during this esteemed festival; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Key Watermen and Waterwomen have demonstrated unparalleled dedication, making Cedar Key a leading producer of clams, carefully sea-farmed in the pristine waters of the Gulf of Mexico; and

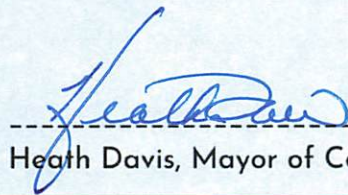
WHEREAS, we acknowledge the rich history and paramount importance of Cedar Key's clamming and oyster aquaculture, which have been instrumental in bolstering the vitality and economic prosperity of our beloved city; and

WHEREAS, we believe in fostering awareness and appreciation for these traditions, and thus declare that the Year of the Clam shall be an opportunity to celebrate our heritage through various forms of art, educational initiatives, and the promotion of Cedar Key as an exceptional travel destination; and

WHEREAS, with open arms, we extend a warm welcome to all visitors who venture to our island fishing town nestled in the embrace of the Gulf of Mexico, inviting them to partake in the harmonious blend of a bustling fishing community, fine dining experiences, the charm of Old Florida architecture, and a thriving art community, complemented by the presence of two remarkable historical museums.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Heath Davis, Mayor of the City of Cedar Key, do hereby proclaim the inception of the Cedar Key "Year of the Clam" and encourage all citizens and visitors to commemorate and embrace this auspicious occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Cedar Key to be affixed on this 15th Day of August 2023.

  
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Heath Davis, Mayor of Cedar Key

