

Levy County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring “October 2022”, as “*National Seafood Month*”
In Levy County, Florida

Whereas, October is a time to celebrate fish, especially the freshest, sustainably caught and local varieties that can be found in Florida’s Big Bend one of the last places in Florida with wide swaths of undeveloped coastline and a long history of natural resource dependence that dates to prehistory; and

Whereas, Floridians have access to in-season local seafood from Blue Crab, Hard Clams, Fish, Oysters, Shrimp, Stone Crab and Bay Scallops; and

Whereas, in an effort to make sound conservation-minded purchases, Levy County’s environmentally conscious consumer base, can feel good about buying local Florida seafood, which the state manages using stringent science-based monitoring and oversight; and

Whereas, consumers’ decisions to opt for local seafood also supports the commercial seafood industry, which provides more than 434 jobs throughout the state’s economy and \$24.9 million in sales revenue; and

Whereas, spending time in the outdoors to catch, and then prepare, your own healthy seafood meals supports the well-being of Florida anglers; and

Whereas, commercial seafood is integral to the Gulf of Mexico’s maritime history and the foundation of many of our coastal communities’ heritage; and

Whereas, when Floridians opt for local Florida seafood, which they can buy at the grocer, off the dock, or at their farmers market, they support local fishers, local economies, and Florida’s statewide economy for years to come.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners, of Levy County, Florida that the month of October 2022 shall be recognized as “*National Seafood Month*.”

Duly proclaimed this 20th day of September, 2022.

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