

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, annually, Des Allemands has sponsored a festival that has grown yearly; and,

WHEREAS, the festival has grown to become one of the largest in the state; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Catfish Festival is the most renowned tourist attraction in St. Charles Parish, founded in 1975 by Reverend William McCallion; and,

WHEREAS, in 1975, Governor Edwin Edwards signed a proclamation declaring Des Allemands the "Catfish Capital of the World"; and,

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1980, Act 132 of the Louisiana State Legislature proclaimed Des Allemands, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish as the "Catfish Capital of the Universe"; and,

WHEREAS, the Catfish Festival was rated one of the Top 20 Events by the Southeast Tourism Society; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Catfish Queen represents St. Charles Parish at many fairs and festivals including the Congressional Ball; and,

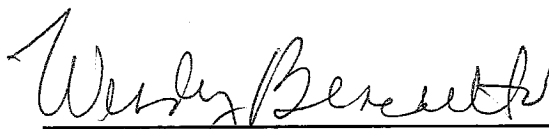
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Catfish Festival continues to attract visitors to St. Charles Parish to enjoy a weekend of delicious food, rides, and live entertainment.


NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 17, 18, AND 19, 2016, AS THE

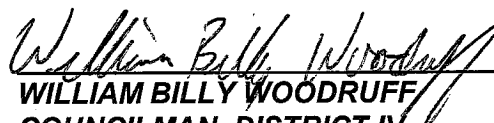
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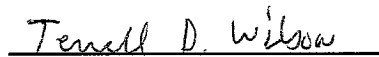
AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL IN DES ALLEMANDS, LOUISIANA.

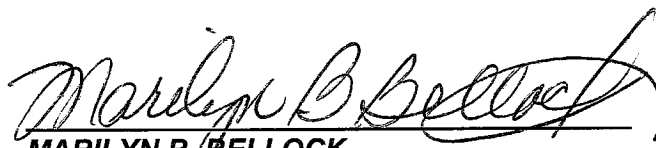

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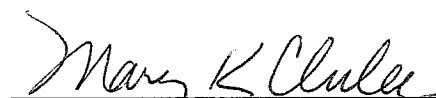

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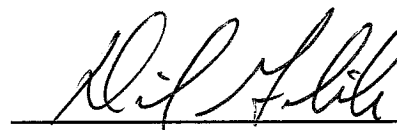

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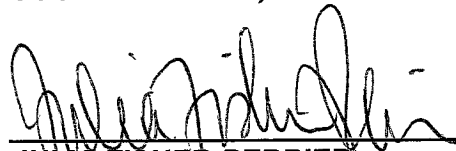

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