

**WHEREAS**, *Florida Highwaymen* is a group of twenty-six African American artists; twenty-five men and one woman; and

**WHEREAS**, *Florida Highwaymen* are self-taught painters who often paint from memory, so the images are imprinted scenery from where they have grown up and natural beauty they have seen over their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, *Florida Highwaymen* use vivid colors to exhibit Florida landscape; such as crashing waves on windswept beaches, palm trees bent by the wind, majestic Royal Poinciana trees, moss-draped oak trees, red-orange sunsets, billowing clouds, and moonlit rivers; and

**WHEREAS**, *Florida Highwaymen* made a living selling their paintings along roadsides and out of the trunks of their cars; and

**WHEREAS**, *Florida Highwaymen* members were inducted into the Florida Hall of Fame in 2004; such as Curtis Arnett; Hezekiah Baker; Al "Blood" Black; Ellis Buckner; George Buckner; Robert Butler; Mary Ann Carroll; Johnny Daniels; Willie Daniels; Rodney Demps; James Gibson; Alfred Hair; Isaac Knight; R.L. Lewis; John Maynor; Roy McLendon; Alfonso "Pancho" Moran; Sam, Lemuel, and H. Harold Newton; Willie Reagan; Livingston "Castro" Roberts; Cornell "Pete" Smith; Charles Walker; Sylvester Wells, and Charles "Chico" Wheeler; and

**WHEREAS**, *Florida Highwaymen* members Curtis Arnett; R.L. Lewis; Isaac Knight, and Willie Reagan will be coming to the City of Delray Beach for pop up exhibits, living painting, and a panel discussion on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shelly Petrolia**, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 as:

## **Florida Highwaymen Days**

and encourage all our residents to join in on the pop-up exhibits at the S.D. Spady Cultural Heritage Museum.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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**SHELLY PETROLIA  
MAYOR**