



PROCLAMATION

RODEO DAY

School District of Okeechobee County, Florida

Whereas, rodeo informally dates back to 1869 and became a formal sport in 1920 with the creation of the Rodeo Association of America; and

Whereas, rodeo is ranked seventh in overall attendance for major sporting events, and more than 31 million people identify themselves as fans of Pro Rodeo in America; and

Whereas, local rodeo committees organize PRCA sanctioned rodeos held across the continent run by dedicated groups of volunteers; and

Whereas, the Okeechobee County Cattlemen's Association has been producing rodeos in the County for more than seventy (70) years. Rodeo in Okeechobee has become a tradition, often thought of in conjunction with the Speckled Perch Festival and Labor Day celebrations; and

Whereas, Okeechobee rodeos are steeped in the culture and history of Okeechobee and is part of our American agricultural heritage.

Now therefore, the School Board of Okeechobee County, Florida, in accordance with preserving the historical and cultural values of Okeechobee's heritage, does hereby proclaim March 9, 2018, as

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for the Okeechobee County School System and encourages the inclusion of rodeo in classroom discussion on March 9, 2018.

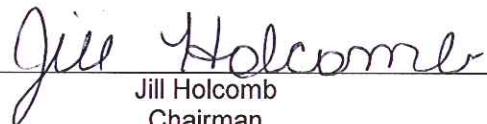
Passed and adopted this 13th day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:



Ken Kenworthy

Superintendent of Schools



Jill Holcomb
Chairman

