

4. **PRESENTATION(S)**

- a. Proclamation designating April 11 through 17, 2010 Edible Mollusk Week at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

# CITY OF SANIBEL

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** *The Mollusk is the largest and most diverse group of animals next to insects; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Mollusks can be found in nearly every ecosystem on earth; and*
- WHEREAS:** *There are nearly 100,000 species of mollusks identified today; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Mollusks are economically important as food and their shells are widely used in jewelry and decorative items; and*
- WHEREAS:** *The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museums educates the general public about mollusks from all over the world, highlighting the mollusks that inhabit South West Florida and the Gulf of Mexico, including the Sanibel Island species; and*
- WHEREAS:** *To help educate the public the Baileys-Matthews Shell Museum will be opening an exhibit, "MMM...Mollusks" with information on edible mollusks from around the world; and*
- WHEREAS:** *To celebrate Edible Mollusk Week and to raise funds for the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Educational Outreach Programs, the First Annual Edible Mollusk Festival and Oyster Eating Contest will be held on Sanibel on Saturday, April 17, 2010.*
- NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Mick Denham, Mayor of the City of Sanibel, Lee County Florida, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Sanibel, do hereby proclaim April 11 to April 17, 2010 as Edible Mollusk Week in the City of Sanibel, and urge every able bodied man, woman and child to eat at least one edible mollusk, and to visit the Baileys-Matthews Shell Museums' upcoming Edible Mollusk Exhibit.*
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto.*

**DONE AT CITY HALL**  
*This 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010*

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*Mayor*