



# Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING  
OCTOBER 25-31, 2011 AS  
"NATIONAL MAGIC WEEK"  
IN THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA

- WHEREAS, the Society of American Magicians, founded in 1902, has thousands of members worldwide who participate in numerous community projects each year; and
- WHEREAS, the Society of American Magicians is dedicated to elevating the art of magic with its endowment fund providing educational and humanitarian assistance to its members; and
- WHEREAS, October 31<sup>st</sup>, the anniversary of Harry Houdini's death, was originally proclaimed as "National Magic Day" in his honor and planned to allow free performances for shut-ins and the handicapped who could not attend live performances; and
- WHEREAS, the Society has continued to provide entertainment for people with disabilities and people who would otherwise have difficulty getting to a theatre to watch a live performance; and
- WHEREAS, professional and amateur magician members give generously of their time and talent for charitable purposes including, but not limited to, hospitals, schools, orphanages, military bases, churches, and nursing homes; and
- WHEREAS, during the week of Harry Houdini's death, members of the Society of American Magicians donate their time and services to many worthy causes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gayle F. Oberst, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Panama City Beach, proclaim October 25 through 31, 2011 as

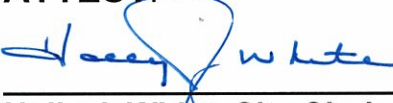
## "NATIONAL MAGIC WEEK"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set My Hand and caused the Official Seal of our Great City to be affixed this Seventh Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven.



*City of Panama City Beach*  
  
Gayle F. Oberst, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Holly J. White, City Clerk