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**CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS PROCLAIM MARCH 12, 2017
'MATTIE KELLY ARTS FOUNDATION DAY' IN HONOR OF
THE FOUNDATION'S NAMESAKE, MATTIE KELLY**

DESTIN, FLORIDA (March 7, 2017) — The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) was recognized at the Destin City Council and Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners meetings with a proclamation made by both the City of Destin and Okaloosa County naming March 12, 2017 Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation Day in honor of what would have been the 105th birthday of the Foundation's late namesake, Mattie Kelly.

MKAF, a 501-c-3 not-for-profit charitable arts organization, was founded on the cultural, educational and spiritual beliefs of the late Destin matriarch, Mattie Kelly. MKAF's mission is Northwest Florida's champion of cultural arts and arts education for all. Since it formed in 1995, its art programs have reached and inspired more than 300,000 children in over 61 schools, and United Way agencies including children with special needs and wounded warriors.

For more information on MKAF events, arts education outreach or membership and volunteer opportunities, visit online at www.mattiekellyartsfoundaton.org or call (850) 650-2226 to get involved.

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