

## **Commendation for**

## **Allison Heinz**

For her dedication and service to the children of Key West, through her work as a teacher with Gerald Adams Elementary School and for inspiring the children of Key West to be better citizens and the decision makers of the future for the Southernmost City.

Her continued support in her classroom motivates her students to be involved and participate in afterschool projects like the City of Key West Recycled Art Contest. The environment in Key West is very important to our way of life and so are the Arts, which is one of the reasons this art contest is so good for students. It makes them look at their resources and how they can be repurposed. One of Key West's brightest, Julia Nurkiewicz, a student of Ms. Heinz, entered a recycled art piece into the City of Key West Art Contest on Key West Recycles Day. Julia's art piece was the winner for her age category, 10 years old!

What is particularly inspiring about the level of service provided by Ms. Heinz and all teachers is that there are no additional financial rewards involved for the work they do. No compensation for all the extra hours they invest in the children of the Keys. The extraordinary commitment to excellence and time and support is an example of her positive impact on the attitude and productivity of all the children she teaches!

Key West and the Florida Keys thank Ms. Allison Heinz for her dedication to the children of the Conch Republic.

In recognition of this honor, the City of Key West hereby presents this Commendation to:

## Allison Heinz

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of January, 2016.

Craig Cates, Mayor