

## **Nigel Hook**

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This world record journey was first attempted almost a 100 years ago. Certainly this new record will continue to see many challengers attempting to hold the title. We look forward to hosting these exciting attempts for years into the future

Key West and Cuba share a captivating history and we share a connection by way of the sea with our island nation that makes this record extra special to the residents of Key West. We thank you for continuing to add to our rich history, and congratulate you on this notable accomplishment.

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

## Nigel Hook

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 8th day of November, 2017.



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