PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States has pledged major resources to support apprenticeships in an effort to boost vocational education, workforce training and job creation. Florida Keys Community College has established apprenticeship programs to enhance local economic vitality and create a stronger economic environment by producing highly-skilled and competitive workers; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships provide demand-driven education, allowing apprentices to earn while they learn – helping to close the skills gap between the skills job creators seek and job seekers need; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West recognizes the strength and leadership displayed by apprentices. This results from the dedication and generosity of sponsors and participating employers who provide meaningful educational opportunities through on-the-job learning and related technical and theoretical instruction, which serves to enhance the economic vitality of Key West; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West hereby proclaims the week commencing November 12, 2018 be recognized in the City of Key West as

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in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". The City of Key West commends and appreciates all those involved in this worthwhile endeavor, especially Florida Keys Community College, as the positive impact apprenticeships have on individuals and businesses to help to improve the Keys workforce.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7th day of November, 2018.

Craig Cates, MAYOR