



COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, Preserve Island Life was founded on the idea of preserving our islands for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is committed to reducing its greenhouse gas reductions island wide; and

WHEREAS, private businesses are 39% of the City's greenhouse gas footprint; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan calls for the City to research, implement and promote "business certification programs which encourage responsible conservation practices"; and

WHEREAS, 56% of residents reported rewarding companies that took steps to go green, and 81% of the residents who hadn't said that it was because they didn't know who to reward; and

WHEREAS, twelve businesses in the City of Key West volunteered to participate in the pilot of the Florida Keys Green Business Certification; and

WHEREAS, the first business to complete the program scored Silver by documenting green practices across energy and water use, green cleaning practices, recycling and reusing, procuring regional and organic foods, and exemplary customer education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby commend
Julie and Laurent De Cock, owners of

La Creperie French Café

As the City's first Florida Keys Green Business in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States."

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 3rd day of April, 2018.

Craig Cates, Mayor