



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the City of Key West Tree Commission was established in 1971 by State legislation recognizing that trees on public and private property are economic and aesthetic assets to the citizens of the City; and

Whereas, the City of Key West has been a member of Tree City USA for 6 years; and

Whereas, the Tree Commission, the Urban Forester and the Community Services Department are responsible for the planting of trees along the sidewalks and parks of the City; and

Whereas, the Trophia Foundation promotes the planting of trees and shrubs to encourage the usage by birds and butterflies; and

Whereas, Hurricane Irma damaged and caused the removal of many trees along the City streets and parks; and

Whereas, the Trophia Foundation has donated \$50,000 worth of canopy trees to the City since the hurricane. These trees have been and are being planted at Veterans Memorial Garden, Bayview Park, and street planters throughout Key West benefitting all citizens of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Craig Cates, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2018 as

Trophia Foundation Appreciation Day

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States."

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 1th day of May 2018.

Craig Cates, Mayor