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Architect and Artist Kenneth Walker Captures Palm Beach's New Moment

'People's Republic of Palm Beach' Flag to be Unveiled at Art Palm Beach

(Palm Beach---) For decades, artists have been painting flags as objects of social expression. Now just ahead of the Inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States, which is scheduled to take place on January 20, 2017, Kenneth Walker is once again recognizing a cultural shift by preparing to launch his latest artwork.

Capturing the zeitgeist of the moment, he will unveil his new **People's Republic of Palm Beach** flag at the upcoming Art Palm Beach Show at the Palm Beach County Convention Center January $18^{th} - 22^{nd}$.

"I've been contacted by the media to inquire about the effects of the impending Trump Presidency on the island of Palm Beach. The Trump presidency has greatly renewed interest in the uniqueness of Palm Beach as a popular destination for the global elite. "My latest art, which started as a celebration of Palm Beach Lifestyle became best executed as a flag," explains Ken Walker. 'It is meant to make people smile!"

Appropriately working with pink, green, and white (the unofficial colors of the island), the People's Republic of Palm Beach flag proudly celebrates the power and prestige of Palm Beach. "Meant as a whimsical tribute, my latest art is both a painting, and a limited edition of actual canvas flags." explains Ken Walker.

Ken is a graduate of Brown University, where he studied Art and Architectural History, and The Harvard University Graduate School of Design, where he received a Masters in Architecture. He is a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects and has been elected to the Interior Design Hall of Fame. Ken is an

industry leader in retail design with projects in over 30 countries. Locally, he serves on the Palm Beach Planning and Zoning Commission.

Art Palm Beach is internationally recognized as the premiere mid-winter contemporary art fair on Florida's Gold Coast by both art critics and enthusiasts. The fair attracts collectors from around the world.

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