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**Lt. Governor Phil Scott to present "Green Restaurant" award to the Wayside Restaurant in Montpelier**

Montpelier -- Lt. Governor Phil Scott will recognize the owners of the Wayside Restaurant in Montpelier in a "green restaurant" award presentation on Tuesday, May 3.

Lt. Governor Scott will join a representative from the Vermont Small Business Development Center in presenting an award to Wayside owners Brian and Karen Zecchinelli for becoming Vermont's fifth "green restaurant." An important part of this designation is the amount of local produce that goes into the menu at the Wayside. In recognition of this fact, a group of Central Vermont farmers will also be on hand at the event, which will run from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend and stay for an a la carte dinner.

"I congratulate the Zecchinellis for their commitment to helping their neighbors and reducing their environmental footprint," Scott said. "The "Buy Local" movement is something I intend to promote as Lt. Governor. In addition to recognizing the Wayside, I also hope this event can kick off a spring and summer "Buy Local Tour" where I'll be appearing at parades, fairs and farmers' markets across the state to encourage more Vermonters to shop locally."

Lt. Governor Scott entered a "Buy Local" group in the St. Albans Maplefest Parade earlier this month, and representatives of his office will also have a presence in the Rutland Loyalty Day Parade this coming Sunday. At each of these events, Scott has organized a group of local businesspeople to march behind a "Buy Local" banner. Scott intends to continue this theme at parades across the state this spring and summer.

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