

**GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!**

**MAJOR LLEVAT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTRODUCTION.**

**ALYSSA AND BRIANA, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**OFFICER SANCHEZ, THANK YOU FOR THAT BEAUTIFUL RENDITION OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.**

**COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE WITH US THIS MORNING.**

**IT'S ALSO GOOD TO SEE U.S. ATTORNEY WIFREDO FERRER AND U.S. MARSHAL AMOS ROJAS IN ATTENDANCE TODAY -- ALONG WITH JUDGE SOTO AND MANY OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

**DR. RICHARDSON, MY THANKS FOR DELIVERING SUCH A MOVING INVOCATION.**

**MEMBERS OF THE HONOR GUARD, THANK YOU FOR PRESENTING THE COLORS.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S AN HONOR TO BE WITH YOU AT PORTMIAMI THIS MORNING FOR THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF OUR NEW DIRECTOR**

**OF THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, MR. JUAN PEREZ.**

**ALL OF US ARE HERE TODAY TO HONOR YOU, DIRECTOR PEREZ. AND I CAN TELL BY THE CROWD GATHERED THIS MORNING THAT YOU HAVE MANY SUPPORTERS.**

**I SEE YOUR BEAUTIFUL FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS AND RESIDENTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY WHO SHARE MY CONVICTION THAT YOU ARE THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THIS JOB.**

**AND TODAY, WE'RE MAKING IT OFFICIAL!**

**DIRECTOR PEREZ, YOU HAVE EARNED THIS COMMUNITY'S TRUST THROUGH YOUR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**BECAUSE OF YOUR TALENT AND DEDICATION, YOU HAVE BEEN PROMOTED THROUGH ALL CIVIL SERVICE RANKS.**

**YOU HAVE EARNED OUR RESPECT BY DILIGENTLY SERVING AS A SUPERVISOR IN POLICE SERVICES, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, HOMELAND SECURITY, AND ROBBERY.**

**AS THE CHIEF IN THE POLICE SERVICES SOUTH OPERATIONS DIVISION, YOU SERVED 500,000 RESIDENTS AND DIRECTED SWORN AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN FOUR POLICE DISTRICTS AND TWO CONTRACTED CITIES.**

**AND AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, YOU HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES IN POLICY, PRACTICES, PROCEDURES AND STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT.**

**GIVEN YOUR IMPRESSIVE TRACK RECORD, I'M CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL LEAD OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN A MANNER THAT WILL MAKE OUR WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY PROUD.**

**I KNOW YOU WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO MODERNIZE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENHANCE OUR TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE USE OF BODY CAMERAS, APPS, OUR REAL-TIME CRIME CENTER, FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE AND ANALYTICS, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER TOOLS.**

**AND I KNOW YOU WILL KEEP OUR RESIDENTS SAFE,  
INFORMED AND ENGAGED.**

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU  
AS OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MIAMI-DADE POLICE.  
YOUR LEADERSHIP WILL BE CRUCIAL TO THE  
SUCCESS OF OUR 2,650 SWORN OFFICERS AND THE  
125 OFFICERS WE'LL BE ADDING TO OUR  
DEPARTMENT BY THE FALL OF THIS YEAR.**

**DIRECTOR PEREZ, I'M EXCITED TO WORK WITH YOU  
TO LEAD M.D.P.D. FORWARD...TO TACKLE THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY CHALLENGES THAT OUR  
COMMUNITY FACES...AND TO TAKE OUR  
DEPARTMENT TO EVEN GREATER LEVELS OF  
EXCELLENCE.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN  
GIVING OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF THE NATION'S  
FINEST POLICE DEPARTMENT A WELL-DESERVED  
ROUND OF APPLAUSE!**

**THANK YOU AGAIN, EVERYONE.**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AND MAY HE GRANT  
DIRECTOR PEREZ STRENGTH AND WISDOM AS HE  
LEADS OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT FORWARD.**

**CONGRATULATIONS ONCE AGAIN, MR. DIRECTOR!**

