

**THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION,
HARVEY, AND FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK YOU
DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY.**

**GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND
WELCOME TO BAYNANZA 2016!**

**IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE WITH YOU AT
MORNINGSIDE PARK – WHICH IS IN
COMMISSIONER AUDREY EDMONSON'S
DISTRICT. COMMISSIONER EDMONSON, THANK
YOU FOR BEING WITH US THIS MORNING.**

**I'M HAPPY TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE
BECAUSE WE MUST CONTINUE TO WORK
TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THIS GENERATION
AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MIAMIANS CAN
CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF BISCAYNE
BAY.**

**EVENTS LIKE BAYNANZA HELP OUR
COMMUNITY BETTER UNDERSTAND THE
IMPORTANCE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
AND THE ROLE WE PLAY IN PROTECTING THE**

QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MIAMI-DADE'S 2.7 MILLION RESIDENTS AND MILLIONS OF VISITORS.

AND THAT'S WHY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HAS BEEN HOSTING THE BAYNANZA BISCAYNE BAY CLEANUP DAY FOR 34 YEARS.

SUSTAINING AN EVENT THIS LONG WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR SPONSORS, OUR STATE, COUNTY AND CITY PARTNERS, AND OF COURSE, OUR COUNTY STAFF.

THE BULK OF THE WORK THAT GOES INTO MAKING BAYNANZA A SUCCESSFUL EVENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY IS HANDLED BY THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES' DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.

THERE ARE NEARLY 100 EMPLOYEES FROM R.E.R. HELPING AT TODAY'S BAYNANZA CLEANUP DAY. AND THAT'S WHY I'M PRESENTING THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE

DEPUTY MAYOR AND R.E.R. DIRECTOR, JACK OSTERHOLT.

IN ADDITION TO R.E.R., THERE ARE SEVERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE HELPED OUT WITH BAYNANZA THIS YEAR. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THOSE DEPARTMENTS, WHICH INCLUDE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES, COMMUNICATIONS, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS, POLICE, INTERNAL SERVICES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR SITE HOSTS, VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS, AND THE DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER.

IN ADDITION, MY THANKS TO THE CITY OF MIAMI FOR HOSTING THIS YEAR'S KICKOFF CEREMONY AND FOR THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY CITY FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.

AND OF COURSE, WE COULDN'T HOST THIS EVENT EVERY YEAR WITHOUT THE HELP OF SEVERAL LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL

**AGENCIES, AS WELL AS LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES.
SO, MY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.**

**LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, I WANT TO
GIVE AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS TO THE
THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE TAKING
TIME OUT OF THE WEEKEND TO BEAUTIFY
BISCAYNE BAY AT 22 SITES ACROSS THE
COUNTY.**

**YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY DEMONSTRATES
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BAY TO OUR
COMMUNITY AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO
KEEPING THE BAY HEALTHY.**

**SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR
HELP IN THIS COLLECTIVE EFFORT.**

THANKS AGAIN, EVERYONE.

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AND MAY GOD
CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!**