

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH OUR FRIENDS AMY FROM 100 RESILIENT CITIES AND PETER FROM THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, AND WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, FOR THIS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE STEPS WE'RE TAKING TOGETHER TO CONTINUE TO MAKE MIAMI-DADE A MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY.

I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE WORD "CONTINUE" BECAUSE AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOWARD ADDRESSING RESILIENCY SINCE THE 1980S.

AND WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH OUR MUNICIPAL PARTNERS -- LIKE MAYORS REGALADO AND LEVINE -- TO DEVELOP AN ADAPTABLE RESILIENCE STRATEGY FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY THAT WILL BETTER POSITION OUR 2.7 MILLION RESIDENTS TO ADAPT IN THE FACE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES.

I THINK TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT FURTHER DEMONSTRATES THE GREAT PROGRESS WE'VE MADE TOWARD MAKING MIAMI-DADE A MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST MOVES WE'VE MADE WAS HIRING A CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER – JIM MURLEY. I BELIEVE WE WERE THE FIRST COUNTY TO HIRE A CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER.

AND I WANT TO THANK JIM BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE'D BE STANDING HERE TODAY AS PART OF THE 100 RESILIENT CITIES GLOBAL NETWORK WITHOUT HIS GREAT VISION AND LEADERSHIP.

WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM MORE THAN 325 APPLICANTS. SO, THANK YOU, JIM!

I ALSO WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER REBECA SOSA, WHO SPONSORED THE REQUEST THAT ULTIMATELY LED THE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE THIS PRESTIGIOUS DESIGNATION, AND FOR HER EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT MIAMI-DADE ADAPTS TO SEA-LEVEL RISE.

AND I WANT TO THANK COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS HARVEY RUVIN, WHO HAS BEEN AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER ON RESILIENCE FOR DECADES.

WE ALL KNOW THAT MIAMI-DADE IS GROUND ZERO FOR SOME OF THE MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY, INCLUDING SEA-LEVEL RISE.

AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE CONTINUING OUR WORK TO ADAPT TO THE EFFECTS OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES.

FOR EXAMPLE, I WAS ONE OF EIGHT U.S. MAYORS, AND THE ONLY COUNTY MAYOR IN THE UNITED STATES, TO SIGN THE U.S.-CHINA CLIMATE LEADERS' DECLARATION IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR. THIS COMMITTED THE COUNTY TO TAKE STEPS TO BETTER PREPARE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA-LEVEL RISE.

AND THE DECLARATION WAS EASY TO SIGN, AS WAS PLEDGING TO THE "COMPACT OF MAYORS," BECAUSE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HAS LONG BEEN DOING WHAT WE WERE ASKED TO DO.

I'VE ALSO CHALLENGED RESEARCHERS AT F.I.U., THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI AND MIAMI DADE COLLEGE TO PROPOSE STEPS FOR ADAPTING TO SEA-LEVEL RISE AND CLIMATE CHANGE. THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE HELPING US CREATE THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS THAT WILL TRAIN WORKERS TO TAKE ON THE TYPES OF JOBS NECESSARY TO ADDRESSING THE FUTURE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS WILL PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN MAKING US MORE RESILIENT IN THE FACE OF THESE CHALLENGES.

AND SPEAKING OF CHALLENGES, ONE OF OUR BIGGEST OBSTACLES IN MOVING OUR RESILIENCE PLANS INTO ACTION HAS BEEN THE LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS.

THAT'S WHY I JUST TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., A FEW WEEKS AGO WITH JIM MURLEY FOR A MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.

WE'VE ALSO MADE IT A PRIORITY AT MIAMI-DADE TO SEEK OUT MORE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT OUR RESILIENCE INITIATIVES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE'VE MADE A MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN RENEWING AND STRENGTHENING OUR WATER-AND-SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS PROJECT, AND MANY OTHERS, ARE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF COMMISSIONER SOSA AND CLERK RUVIN.

WE CAN THANK THE COMMISSIONER AND CLERK ONCE AGAIN FOR ADVOCATING FOR A FEDERAL RESILIENCY FUND TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADAPTIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA-LEVEL RISE.

AND WE CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT. THAT'S WHY WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. BECAUSE RESILIENCE IS ABOUT MORE THAN FACING ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES. IT'S ABOUT FACING ALL CHALLENGES HEAD-ON.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, WE'LL BE EVEN BETTER EQUIPPED AS A COMMUNITY TO SOLVE CHALLENGES RELATED TO SEA-LEVEL RISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS, LIKE TRANSPORTATION, INCOME DISPARITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

TRANSPORTATION IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING OUR COMMUNITY. AND THAT'S WHY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS FOCUSED ON BUILDING A TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT WORKS NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE.

WE'RE MAKING OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM CLEANER, SAFER, AND MORE RELIABLE AND ACCESSIBLE, SO THAT WE INCREASE RIDERSHIP, WHILE REDUCING CO2 EMISSIONS. AND GIVING PEOPLE MORE CHOICES GETS PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR PERSONAL VEHICLES, REDUCES CONGESTION ON OUR ROADWAYS AND RESULTS IN A MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY.

WE'RE ALSO MAKING PROGRESS ON ADDRESSING INCOME DISPARITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH INITIATIVES LIKE EMPLOY MIAMI-DADE AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LIBERTY SQUARE. THE ONLY WAY OUT OF POVERTY IS THROUGH A GOOD JOB, AND SINCE KICKING OFF EMPLOY MIAMI-DADE IN DECEMBER 2014, WE'VE TRAINED 439 WORKERS WHO LIVE IN NEIGHBORHOODS WITH HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, AND PLACED 419 OF THOSE WORKERS IN JOBS IN THE CONSTRUCTION, HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY INDUSTRIES.

OUR LIBERTY SQUARE INITIATIVE WILL NOT ONLY DELIVER A NEW, AFFORDABLE-HOUSING COMMUNITY THAT REFLECTS WHAT RESIDENTS

WANT IT TO LOOK AND FEEL LIKE, IT WILL ALSO PUT MANY OF THOSE RESIDENTS TO WORK WITH CONSTRUCTION JOBS AND PERMANENT JOBS.

AND WE'LL USE THE INNOVATIVE ROCKEFELLER 100 RESILIENT CITIES PLATFORM TO FURTHER ADDRESS ISSUES OF INCOME DISPARITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY. BECAUSE WE'RE ALL MIAMIANS, AND WE'LL ALL CONTINUE TO RISE TOGETHER.

TAKING ACTION LIKE THIS IS KEY FOR US BECAUSE THE DECISIONS THAT WE MAKE TODAY WILL HAVE A LONG-LASTING IMPACT ON FUTURE GENERATIONS, BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

WE, AS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY, LOOK FORWARD TO OFFERING OUR EXPERIENCE AND LEARNING FROM OTHER GLOBAL CITIES THAT ARE PART OF THE ROCKEFELLER 100 RESILIENT CITIES PROGRAM.

WE KNOW THAT OUR CONTINUED COLLABORATION WILL BE CRUCIAL TO OUR SUCCESS AS A RESILIENT COMMUNITY, AND WE WILL PROUDLY SERVE AS A MODEL FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME TODAY,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.**

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

SPANISH REMARKS

MUY BUENOS DÍAS.

**ES UN PLACER ESTAR AQUÍ PARA HACER ESTE
IMPORTANTE ANUNCIO DE LAS MEDIDAS QUE EL
CONDADO MIAMI-DADE ESTÁ TOMANDO JUNTO A LA
FUNDACIÓN ROCKEFELLER PARA CONTINUAR
TRABAJANDO EN CONVERTIRNOS EN UNA
COMUNIDAD QUE SE ADAPTA A LOS CAMBIOS.**

**Y LA RAZÓN POR LA QUE DIGO *CONTINUAR*
TRABAJANDO ES PORQUE EL CONDADO DE MIAMI-
DADE SE HA ESTADO PREPARANDO DESDE LOS AÑOS
80 PARA MITIGAR EL CAMBIO CLIMÁTICO Y EL
AUMENTO DEL NIVEL DEL MAR.**

**NUESTRO PROGRESO SE REFLEJA EN EL HECHO DE
QUE HOY HEMOS SIDO NOMBRADOS UNA DE LAS
CIEN CIUDADES MÁS RESILIENTES.**

ME SIENTO MUY ORGULLOSO DE QUE HAYAMOS SIDO ESCOGIDOS ENTRE MÁS DE 325 CIUDADES QUE APLICARON.

SABEMOS QUE ESTA COLABORACIÓN SERÁ CRUCIAL PARA TRIUNFAR COMO UN MODELO QUE AYUDARÁ A OTRAS COMUNIDADES DEL MUNDO.

QUIERO AGRADECER A LA COMISIONADA REBECA SOSA QUIEN PATROCINÓ ESTA SOLICITUD QUE NOS LLEVÓ A RECIBIR ESTA PRESTIGIOSA DENOMINACIÓN.

TAMBIÉN QUIERO DARLES LAS GRACIAS A HARVEY RUVIN QUIEN HA SIDO UN LÍDER INTERNACIONAL DE ESTA CAUSA POR DÉCADAS.

POR ÚLTIMO ESTAMOS INMENSAMENTE AGRADECIDOS CON LA FUNDACIÓN ROCKEFELLER POR SU APOYO. GRACIAS A ELLOS ESTAREMOS MEJOR EQUIPADOS COMO COMUNIDAD PARA RESOLVER LOS RETOS DEL AUMENTO DEL NIVEL DEL MAR, NUESTRA INFRAESTRUCTURA, TRANSPORTE, ENTRE OTROS.

COMO UNA COMUNIDAD GLOBAL QUE SOMOS, ESPERAMOS COMPARTIR NUESTRA EXPERIENCIA Y

APRENDER DE OTRAS CIUDADES QUE SON PARTE DE ESTE PROGRAMA.

MUCHAS GRACIAS Y QUE DIOS LOS BENDIGA.

