

Fellow residents of Miami-Dade County...

It's my pleasure today to announce that the world's most popular sport is coming to the world's hottest city!

With over 265 million participants worldwide, from every area of the globe, soccer is the international sport.

It's also one of the top sports in the United States with over 24 million participants

Here in Miami-Dade County – an international / global gateway community - we're the perfect home for soccer.

Just last August, we hosted Real Madrid and Chelsea with over 67,000 in attendance.

When Brazil played Honduras this past November, we had over 71,000 fans, the largest crowd ever to watch a soccer game in Florida.

And, on the eve of the World Cup in Brazil, the passion that is "futbol" will run in the celebrations all throughout our city.

But, to see the true passion for soccer in Miami –Dade County...

You just have to visit any of the different neighborhoods in our community...

When you watch young people – boys and girls of all ages – from all over the world – and they're playing in our parks...

THAT'S where you see the future of soccer in Miami.

And perhaps, you're even seeing some future MLS stars!

Today, professional MLS Soccer is a reality in Miami.

And who better to bring us professional soccer than one of the greatest footballers in the world -- David Beckham.

An iconic player – he is "un futbolista crack" – a man who always wore the "three lions" with pride and class.

He made his presence felt every time he stepped on the pitch...

And he's always given of himself to help others off the pitch.

Miami Beckham United will play at [...details...]

Commissioner, Mr. Beckham...

We're proud to be the 22<sup>nd</sup> franchise in the MLS.

We welcome you...

We'll cheer for you...

And we look forward to bringing the Commissioner's Cup here to Miami!

Congratulations to you all.....

