

DEAR FRIENDS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO JOIN YOU THIS EVENING FOR THE 74TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF HISTORYMIAMI...

WE HONOR ALL THE WORK THAT THE MUSEUM DOES FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE HONOR THE WORK DONE BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON BEHALF OF THE MUSEUM.

MIAMI IS A RELATIVELY YOUNG CITY, BUT WE HAVE A GREAT HISTORY...

AND IT'S A HISTORY THAT DESERVES TO BE KEPT AND TOLD BY ALL OF US WHO CALL MIAMI HOME.

IT WAS NOT TOO FAR FROM THIS LOCATION THAT SPANISH SETTLERS FIRST CAME IN CONTACT WITH THE TEQUESTA PEOPLE AND ESTABLISHED THE FIRST EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT HERE.

AND IT WAS NOT FAR FROM HERE WHERE NAMES LIKE TUTTLE AND FLAGLER JOINED OTHERS TO START THE FOUNDATIONS OF WHAT MIAMI IS TODAY.

IN FACT, WHEN WE LOOK OUTSIDE...

THE DADE COUNTY COURTHOUSE BLENDS INTO OUR MODERN SKYLINE, OLD AND NEW COMING TOGETHER TO TELL THE STORY OF MIAMI.

HISTORYMIAMI – THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE THESE AND SO MANY OTHER STORIES ARE TOLD!

IN THE 1940S, A GROUP OF FAMOUS MIAMIANS INCLUDING GEORGE MERRICK, CHARLTON TEBEAU, AND MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS...

JOINED OTHERS IN STARTING THE ROOTS OF WHAT WE CALL HISTORYMIAMI TODAY.

WE BUILD ON THEIR LEGACY, SO THAT WE MAY ENJOY THE HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

HISTORYMIAMI IS IN ITS NEW HOME, AND ADDING NEW COLLECTIONS AND STORIES.

AND PART OF THE VISION TO MAKE THIS A REALITY CAME FROM DR. MICHAEL ROSENBERG, WHO WE ARE HONORING TONIGHT.

DR. ROSENBERG HAS BEEN A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF MIAMI...

AND AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN OUR CITY'S CULTURAL LIFE.

HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH HISTORYMIAMI FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS, MOST RECENTLY AS THE INSTITUTION'S IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

AS WE NEAR THE 75TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THIS INSTITUTION IN 2015...

WHICH IN MIAMI TERMS IS A REALLY LONG TIME...

DR. ROSENBERG LEAVES HISTORYMIAMI ON SOLID GROUND, HONORING THE PAST, CELEBRATING THE PRESENT, AND READY FOR AN EXCITING FUTURE.

AND NOW IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT DR. ROSENBERG WITH THIS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROCLAMATION.

LET'S GIVE HIM AND ALL OF HISTORYMIAMI A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

THANK YOU.