

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE!

*¡BUENOS DIAS!*

AS YOUR HONORARY CHAIR, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING WITH US TODAY AS WE PAINT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PINK AND MAKE STRIDES TOWARD BEATING BREAST CANCER.

*GRACIAS A TODOS POR ESTAR AQUI CON NOSOTROS.*

LET ME BEGIN BY RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAIRWOMAN REBECA SOSA WHO IS A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR AND JOINS ME TODAY.

THIS YEAR ALONE, OVER 15,000 WOMEN IN FLORIDA WILL HEAR THOSE TERRIFYING WORDS, "YOU HAVE BREAST CANCER..."

IT CAN STRIKE OUR WIVES, OUR DAUGHTERS, OUR MOTHERS, OUR FRIENDS...

IN FACT, EXCLUDING SKIN CANCER, BREAST CANCER IS THE MOST FREQUENTLY DIAGNOSED CANCER IN WOMEN...

AND SECOND ONLY TO LUNG CANCER AS A CAUSE OF CANCER DEATH IN WOMEN.

BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL IS LINKED TO HOW EARLY THE CANCER IS DETECTED.

THE SURVIVAL RATE WHEN BREAST CANCER IS DIAGNOSED IN A LATE STAGE IS ONLY 27%.

THE SURVIVAL RATE WHEN BREAST CANCER IS DETECTED EARLY AND BEFORE IT SPREADS IS 98%.

EARLY DETECTION EQUALS SURVIVAL.

THAT IS WHY RAISING AWARENESS IS SO IMPORTANT.

WE MUST GET THE WORD OUT TO EVERYONE WE KNOW TO GET SCREENED.

*EL CANCER DE SENO NOS AFECTA A TODOS...*

*A NUESTRAS ESPOSAS, NUESTRAS HIJAS, NUESTRAS MADRES, NUESTRAS AMIGAS...*

*POR ESO, TODOS DEBEMOS DE LUCHAR PARA AUMENTAR EL NIVEL DE DETECCIÓN TEMPRANA,*

*PORQUE SABEMOS QUE LA DETECCIÓN TEMPRANA EQUIVALE A UN 98% DE PODER SOBREVIVIR.*

WE MUST ALSO JOIN TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, THE A.C.S. IS ABLE TO FUND GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH TO BETTER UNDERSTAND, PREVENT, FIND, AND TREAT BREAST CANCER...

AND THEY PROVIDE FREE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR WOMEN FACING THE DISEASE.

THE A.C.S. ALSO CONDUCTS BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS, ENSURING ACCESS TO MAMMOGRAMS FOR WOMEN WHO NEED THEM.

AND WHEN YOU DO HEAR THOSE TERRIFYING WORDS...

THE A.C.S. IS THERE WITH SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO HELP YOU FIGHT AND GET THROUGH THIS TERRIBLE DISEASE.

OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, HAVE ENGAGED IN FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES FOR THIS VERY WORTHY

CAUSE, AND PUTTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN THE PINK...

AND I WANT TO THANK OUR DEPUTY MAYOR ALINA HUDAK, CRISTINA CRESPI AND PAULETTE ACEVEDO FROM MY OFFICE, AND DAMARYS ISLER FROM OUR WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR SPEARHEADING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S EFFORTS FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS.

LET ME ALSO THANK ALL OF OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS FOR MAKING TODAY POSSIBLE.

AND FINALLY, LET ME THANK ALL THE SURVIVORS WHO ARE HERE WITH US – YOUR COURAGE INSPIRES US TO CONTINUE MAKING STRIDES AGAINST THIS DISEASE...

IN YOUR HONOR, AND IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING DOWN ON US FROM UP ABOVE...

I PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION NAMING TODAY MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER DAY.

THANKS AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!