

WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT INTERNATIONAL FASHION DESIGNER NAEEM KHAN WILL BE MOVING HIS OPERATIONS INCLUDING HIS DESIGN CENTER TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

MIAMI HAS ALWAYS BEEN THOUGHT OF AS A FASHIONABLE CITY, BUT NEVER AS ONE THAT HAS BEEN A FORCE WITHIN THE INDUSTRY ITSELF. MY ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING TO CHANGE THAT AND TRANSFORM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INTO THE MILAN OF THE AMERICAS OR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VERSION OF NEW YORK'S GARMENT DISTRICT.

MANY OF THE WORLD'S MOST STYLISH WOMEN ARE DEVOTEES TO KHAN'S DESIGNS INCLUDING FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA AND QUEEN NOOR OF JORDAN.

SINCE 2003 HIS COLLECTION HAS GROWN TO BE SOLD AT MORE THAN 100 SPECIALTY STORES ACROSS THE WORLD. HIS RUNWAY SHOWS ARE AMONG THE MOST ANTICIPATED EVENTS OF NEW YORK FASHION WEEK.

IN 2008, KHAN WAS INDUCTED AS A MEMBER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS COUNCIL OF FASHION DESIGNERS OF AMERICA.

KHAN WAS BORN IN MUMBAI, INDIA WHERE HE GREW UP SURROUNDED BY THE BEAUTY OF ITS CULTURE, ARCHITECTURE, HISTORY AND DESIGN. HE CULTIVATED HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE OF TEXTILES UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF HIS GRANDFATHER AND FATHER,

BOTH WELL KNOWN IN INDIA FOR DESIGNING INTRICATE CLOTHING WORN BY ROYAL FAMILIES.

HE HAS EXPRESSED THAT MIAMI REMINDS HIM OF HIS BELOVED MUMBAI BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSITY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HAS TO OFFER. WE WILL MAKE HIM FEEL RIGHT AT HOME.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO WELCOME HIM TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BECAUSE THIS PROJECT MESHES WITH MY ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORT TO DIVERSIFY OUR ECONOMY. THIS OF COURSE IS PART OF IMPLEMENTING AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OUR ECONOMIC PLAN, ONE COMMUNITY ONE GOAL.

I WANT TO GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO THE BEACON COUNCIL AND KHAN BECAUSE THEY HAVE WORKED VERY DILIGENTLY TO MAKE THIS A REALITY.

