

GOOD MORNING!

I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE WITH ALL OF YOU AS WE CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW WALMART STORE HERE IN NORTH SIDE MIAMI.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAIRMAN JEAN MONESTIME AND MR. ERIC KNOWLES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING!

AND I WANT TO THANK WALMART FOR MAKING THIS DIRECT INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY:

THE NEW STORE THAT'S ABOUT TO BE UNVEILED IS ONE OF THE FIRST MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ON THE 79TH STREET CORRIDOR IN MORE THAN TWO DECADES AND THE 19TH WALMART LOCATION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY. THIS REPRESENTS AN ADDITIONAL 300 NEW JOBS FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND IS A BIG BOOST TO OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. WALMART NOW EMPLOYS APPROXIMATELY 7,000 IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

AND AS WE JUST SAW, THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES THROUGH THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THE GRANTS AWARDED, THE NEW STORE WILL FURTHER WALMART'S PLEDGE TO FIGHT HUNGER IN AMERICA. AS PART OF THEIR \$2 BILLION COMMITMENT TO FIGHT HUNGER IN AMERICA THROUGH 2015, WALMART STORES IN FLORIDA DONATED APPROXIMATELY 29.3 MILLION MEALS IN FISCAL YEAR 2014, SO WE'RE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR THAT!

I WANT TO THANK WALMART FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

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

