

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING THE CEO OF FIA FORMULA E, ALEJANDRO AGAG, FOR CHOOSING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO HOST ROUND 5 OF THEIR INAUGURAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

AS MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, IT'S MY SINCERE PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR COUNTY.

LET ME ALSO THANK THE CITY OF MIAMI AND ITS MAYOR, TOMAS REGALADO, FOR SUPPORTING THE MIAMI E-PRIX.

THIS IS A VERY EXCITING EVENT HAPPENING HERE IN OUR WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY!

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, DEAR FRIENDS...

WHAT BETTER PLACE TO HOST THE FIFTH RACE OF THE WORLD'S FIRST FULLY-ELECTRIC RACING SERIES THAN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY?!

OUR GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION HAS MADE US THE GATEWAY NOT ONLY TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, BUT INCREASINGLY TO EUROPE, AFRICA, AND BEYOND.

WE ALSO HAVE WHAT I CONSIDER THE BEST GIFT FROM MOTHER NATURE: OUR WEATHER.

MIAMI HAS ALWAYS BEEN BLESSED BY A GREAT CLIMATE AND BY OUR BEAUTIFUL NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING SOME OF THE BEST OCEANFRONT PROPERTY IN THE WORLD.

BUT OUR GREATEST RESOURCE IS THE QUALITY OF OUR PEOPLE.

MIAMI IS A CROSSROADS OF COMMERCE AND CULTURE, AND WE HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE PLACES IN THE WORLD.

IN FACT, CLOSE TO 60 PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION IS FOREIGN BORN.

IT IS A PLACE WHERE DIVERSITY IS EMBRACED. IN FACT, AS I OFTEN SAY, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS WHAT OTHER METROPOLITAN AREAS WILL LOOK LIVE OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, MIAMI IS GROWING AS A TECHNOLOGY HUB, ESPECIALLY FOR LATIN AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS.

I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT WE ARE KNOWN AS THE GATEWAY TO THE AMERICAS, BUT INCREASINGLY WE ARE ALSO BECOMING THE GATEWAY TO INNOVATION.

WE ARE EMBRACING THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME FROM TECHNOLOGY, AND I AM PROUD TO BE KNOWN AS A “TECH MAYOR”.

THAT IS WHY WHEN I LEARNED ABOUT E-PRIX COMING TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY I COULD NOT FEEL PROUDER.

THANK YOU ALL FOR WORKING WITH MY ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, WE ARE TAKING MULTIPLE STEPS TO BE AN ENABLER OF INNOVATION, NOT A BARRIER TO IT.

EVERY DAY WE WORK HARD TO FIND WAYS TO USE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES TO OUR 2.6 MILLION RESIDENTS AND ALL OF OUR VISITORS, AND WE HAD A LOT OF THEM LAST YEAR - 14.6 MILLION TO BE EXACT.

RECENTLY WE BECAME THE FIRST GOVERNMENT IN FLORIDA TO RECEIVE A CODE FOR AMERICA FELLOWSHIP. THESE FELLOWS WILL HELP US USE TECHNOLOGY TO BETTER SERVE OUR RESIDENTS, BUSINESS, AND VISITORS.

IN MAY, WE WILL BE HOSTING THE SECOND EMERGE AMERICAS CONFERENCE, WITH 10,000 OF THE BRIGHTEST MINDS IN THE AREAS OF

TECHNOLOGY COMING TOGETHER TO HELP PUT US ON THE GLOBAL THE MAP.

AS PART OF EMERGE, I WILL HOST THE EGOV INNOVATION SUMMIT TO EXPLORE HOW TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION CAN HELP MOVE OUR CITIES FORWARD.

WE CONTINUE TO WORK TO CHANGE THE WAY THE WORLD VIEWS SOUTH FLORIDA AS THE NEXT GREAT TECH HUB.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ALSO PRIDES ITSELF ON PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING THE AIR WE BREATHE, OUR GREEN SPACES, AND OUR WATERWAYS.

I MAY BE BIASED, BUT I BELIEVE WE ARE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE ON EARTH. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT WHAT WE HAVE. THAT IS PART OF OUR MISSION, AND BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE IS CLEARLY A PART OF YOURS.

FORMULA E IS ANOTHER CONFIRMATION OF ALL OUR EFFORTS AT POSITIONING OUR COMMUNITY AS A TECH HUB AND CENTER FOR INNOVATION.

IT REPRESENTS A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE MOTOR INDUSTRY, ACCELERATING GENERAL

INTEREST IN THESE CARS, AND PROMOTING CLEAN ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY.

FOLKS THE FUTURE IS HERE AND WE WELCOME IT!

THIS WEEKEND, THE WORLD WILL ONCE AGAIN BE WATCHING A GLOBAL EVENT TAKING PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE ALWAYS WORKING TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE TIES BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE REST OF THE WORLD...

SO WE ARE TRULY HONORED THAT YOU ARE HERE.

THANK YOU AND YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE A HOME HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

AS BUSY AS YOUR SCHEDULE IS THIS WEEKEND, I HOPE THAT YOU'LL FIND SOME FREE TIME TO EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY BEYOND OUR BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN AREA.

MIAMI IS A DIVERSE PLACE – WE HAVE NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE LITTLE HAVANA, COCONUT GROVE, LITTLE HAITI, AND BRICKELL THAT ALL HAVE THEIR OWN UNIQUE SOUNDS, PEOPLE AND FLAVORS.

AND, OF COURSE, THERE'S ALWAYS SOUTH BEACH!

MORE THAN ANYTHING, I WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL AND FUN RACE AND AN ENJOYABLE STAY HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

AND IF THIS VISIT PROVES TO BE TOO QUICK, PLEASE COME BACK AND SEE US AGAIN – WE’D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

