

**MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION...**

**FELLOW RESIDENTS...**

**I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME THIS MORNING IN RECOGNIZING THE LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF BILL JOHNSON.**

**AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, AFTER A SUCCESSFUL 35-YEAR CAREER WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY GOVERNMENT ON MARCH 2, 2015 MR. JOHNSON OFFICIALLY BECAME THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, INC.**

**GOVERNOR SCOTT APPOINTED BILL TO LEAD THE STATE'S PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION SERVING AS A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN FLORIDA'S BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS, AS WELL AS FLORIDA'S SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.**

**DURING HIS TENURE WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, BILL HELD A NUMBER OF EXECUTIVE POSITIONS INCLUDING EIGHT YEARS AS DIRECTOR OF PORTMIAMI; AND, AS AN ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER, HE HAD OVERSIGHT OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. BILL ALSO SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE MIAMI-DADE WATER & SEWER**

**DEPARTMENT AND HAS HAD MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR A NUMBER OF THE COUNTY'S LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE AMERICAN AIRLINES ARENA AND THE ADRIENNE ARSHT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.**

**AS A GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATOR, BILL EARNED A REPUTATION AS A KEY TROUBLE-SHOOTER, PROBLEM-SOLVER AND PROPONENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

**AT PORTMIAMI, BILL LAUNCHED ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THE PORT'S HISTORY, INCLUDING PUBLIC -PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS SUCH AS THE PORTMIAMI TUNNEL AND THE DEEPENING OF THE PORT'S CHANNEL TO ACCOMMODATE THE SUPER-SIZED CARGO VESSELS THAT WILL BEGIN PASSING THROUGH AN EXPANDED PANAMA CANAL IN 2016.**

**BILL PRESIDED OVER THE LARGEST EXPANSION OF NEW CRUISE BRANDS AND NEW CRUISE VESSELS SOLIDIFYING PORTMIAMI AS THE "CRUISE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD."**

**IN 2014, I ASKED BILL TO TAKE OVER LEADERSHIP OF THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE LAUNCHED THE BIGGEST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY'S HISTORY TO UPGRADE AND EXPAND OUR WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM. THIS PROJECT WILL ENABLE FUTURE GROWTH AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY, ALONG WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, THROUGHOUT MIAMI'S URBAN CORE AND ADJACENT AREAS.**

**[BRIEF PAUSE]**

**BILL HOLDS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AND HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF LEADERSHIP ROLES IN BUSINESS, MARITIME AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS.**

**HE HAS WON ACCOLADES AND RESPECT FROM NATIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. THE MOST RECENT RECOGNITION HE RECEIVED WAS THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN**

**SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.**

**[BRIEF PAUSE]**

**IT IS WITH MIXED EMOTIONS THAT WE SAY GOODBYE TO BILL JOHNSON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO MAKE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY A WORLD CLASS COMMUNITY.**

**I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE STATE TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF SUCCESS.**

**[BRIEF PAUSE]**

**MR. CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF THE 2.6 COUNTY RESIDENTS IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION, NAMING TODAY BILL JOHNSON'S DAY!**