

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR GILBERT.

GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE AND FOR THOSE OF YOU VISITING THE AREA, WELCOME TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

YOU JUST HEARD FROM OUR GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT. HE AND I CAME FROM MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHERE A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WHY FLORIDA WILL WELCOME OVER 100 MILLION VISITORS THIS YEAR.

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR FOR TAKING THE TIME TO VISIT OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR LT. GOVERNOR CARLOS LOPEZ-CANTERA. A MIAMI RESIDENT, WE ARE ALL PROUD OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THANK YOU, MR. LT. GOVERNOR.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS ARE OBVIOUSLY HERE, INCLUDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BILL HANCOCK...

JACK SWARBRICK...

MICHAEL KELLY...

AND NIKKI EPLEY, AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS...

**WELCOME TO WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE THE
GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD!**

**I HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED MIAMI AND FIND IT TO
BE THE PERFECT VENUE FOR FUTURE COLLEGE
FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES.**

**I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE
MANY MEMBERS OF THE ORANGE BOWL COMMITTEE
IN THE SHORT TIME I HAVE --**

ERIC POMS...

JARRETT NASCA...

JUDGE MICHAEL CHAVIES...

ADOLFO HENRIQUES...

AND FORT LAUDERDALE MAYOR JACK SEILER.

TO THEM AND ALL OTHERS, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND SERVICE.

AS OUR VISITORS KNOW BY NOW, MIAMI IS A MAJOR EVENT TOWN.

WE HAVE HOSTED 10 SUPER BOWLS AND 20 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER MAJOR SPORTING, ARTS, CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY.

WE HAVE PROVEN TO HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITIES TO HOST WORLD-CLASS EVENTS.

AND WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE STADIUM WE ARE IN TODAY, WE HOPE TO HOST MANY MORE MAJOR GAMES AND EVENTS RIGHT HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND CONGRATULATE STEPHEN ROSS, TOM GARFINKEL AND THE ENTIRE MIAMI DOLPHINS ORGANIZATION FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE HERE AT SUN LIFE.

I WAS HERE A FEW MONTHS BACK AT THE GROUNDBREAKING AND THIS LOOKS LIKE A COMPLETELY NEW STADIUM.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING GAMES HERE THIS FALL AND BEYOND.

FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE AWARE, LAST SUMMER, MY ADMINISTRATION SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI DOLPHINS WHICH SET THE CONDITIONS FOR THIS REDEVELOPMENT.

ONCE OUR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED, THE TEAM GOT TO WORK AND WE WILL SOON HAVE A TRULY WORLD-CLASS FACILITY!

THERE WON'T BE A BETTER STADIUM IN THE COUNTRY WHEN THE WORK IS COMPLETED NEXT YEAR.

I SINCERELY HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR TIME IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY. WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE POSSIBILITIES THAT LIE AHEAD...

AND IF BY SOME CHANCE THE TIME YOU HAVE SPENT IN OUR COMMUNITY HASN'T CONVINCED YOU THAT WE ARE THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES TO BE PLAYED, JUST REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE DONE THIS BEFORE VERY SUCCESSFULLY...

AND OUR WEATHER IS MUCH NICER THAN ANY OTHER PLACE IN THE NATION IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

