

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

**FELLOW RESIDENTS...**

**I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINA WHITE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2016. ON MAY 31, THE COUNTY'S CURRENT SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, PENNY TOWNSLEY, WILL RETIRE AFTER A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.**

**PLEASE JOIN ME IN GIVING A ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO PENNY FOR HER LOYAL SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. LET'S ALSO CONGRATULATE CHRISTINA AS SHE TRANSITIONS INTO HER NEW ROLE. PLEASE ALLOW ME A FEW MOMENTS TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF CHRISTINA'S MANY ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMMENDABLE SERVICE TO THE COUNTY.**

**CHRISTINA HAS SERVED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN VARIOUS ROLES SINCE 2002. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER IN THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AS A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER. IN 2006, SHE JOINED THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT AS THE**

**SENIOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS. IN THIS ROLE, CHRISTINA ASSISTED WITH THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT, DEVELOPMENT OF LEGISLATIVE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, AND COORDINATION OF ALL MEDIA RELATIONS ACTIVITIES AND DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PROCESSES.**

**IN 2009, CHRISTINA WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, ADMINISTERING THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS. DURING THIS PERIOD, CHRISTINA REPRESENTED SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TOWNSLEY IN NUMEROUS HIGH-LEVEL CAPACITIES. CHRISTINA'S SUCCESS IN THIS ROLE LED TO HER PROMOTION TO CHIEF DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS -- A POSITION SHE HAS OCCUPIED FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.**

**CHRISTINA PRESENTLY ASSISTS SUPERVISOR TOWNSLEY IN OPERATING THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLEX ELECTIONS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF \$27 MILLION. AMONG HER NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CHRISTINA HAS OVERSEEN THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF 783 PRECINCTS, 587 POLLS, 25 EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND NEARLY 10,000 POLL WORKERS.**

**SHE HAS ALSO ASSISTED SUPERVISOR TOWNSLEY IN SUCCESSFULLY ADMINISTERING THREE COUNTYWIDE AND 49 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. SHE ALSO ASSISTED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S FIRST ELECTRONIC VOTER CHECK-IN SYSTEM. SHE UPGRADED EXISTING ABSENTEE BALLOT EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMMODATE INCREASED DEMAND FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, WHILE FINALIZING COUNTYWIDE RE-PRECINCTING AND INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPERVISED VOTING PROGRAM BY 50 PERCENT.**

**GIVEN HER IMPRESSIVE TRACK RECORD, I AM CONFIDENT THAT CHRISTINA HAS THE EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE NEEDED TO SUCCESSFULLY LEAD THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF SUCCESS AS WE ENTER INTO THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR.**

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WILL BE FORTUNATE TO HAVE CHRISTINA AS OUR NEW SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP THAT PENNY HAS PROVIDED THROUGHOUT HER CAREER AT THE COUNTY. ONCE AGAIN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING CHRISTINA AND COMMENDING PENNY ON HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE.**

**MR. CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONERS – LET’S  
RECOGNIZE CHRISTINA WHITE AND PENNY  
TOWNSLEY, AND WISH THEM THE VERY BEST.**

