

**THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION,
JEANNETTE.**

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

**WELCOME TO THE NINTH ANNUAL MIAMI
INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, HORSE &
CATTLE SHOW!**

**IT'S A PLEASURE TO JOIN YOU HERE FOR THE
BEGINNING OF WHAT PROMISES TO BE THE
BEST SHOW YET.**

**NINE YEARS AGO, COMMISSIONER SOUTO HAD A
VISION TO BRING A CATTLE SHOW TO MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY.**

**AT THE TIME, WE WEREN'T EXACTLY SURE HOW
THIS WOULD ALL TURN OUT.**

BUT TODAY, IT'S CLEAR TO SEE WHAT A GREAT SUCCESS THIS HAS BEEN.

AND IT ONLY GETS BETTER AND BETTER.

LAST YEAR, THIS THREE-DAY EVENT DREW MORE THAN 50,000 ATTENDEES, WITH VISITORS FROM 22 COUNTRIES -- INCLUDING RUSSIA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, PANAMA AND COLOMBIA.

I THINK WE'LL SURPASS THAT ATTENDANCE NUMBER THIS YEAR -- DON'T YOU, COMMISSIONER SOUTO?

ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I BELIEVE WE'LL BEAT LAST YEAR'S NUMBERS IS BECAUSE MIAMI IS GROWING BOTH IN POPULATION AND IN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.

WE'VE GROWN FROM 2.6 MILLION RESIDENTS LAST YEAR, TO 2.7 MILLION NOW. AND WE ALSO WELCOMED MORE THAN 15 MILLION OVERNIGHT VISITORS LAST YEAR.

ANOTHER REASON WHY I THINK WE'LL SEE AN INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR IS BECAUSE THE WORD IS OUT ABOUT WHAT A GREAT EVENT IT IS.

THIS SHOW IS NOT ONLY FUN FOR CATTLE BREEDERS AND FARMERS – WHICH ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO MIAMI-DADE'S ECONOMY -- IT'S ALSO FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

THERE'S LIVE MUSIC, EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS, A KIDS ZONE, EQUESTRIAN AND CARS SHOWS, FOOD TRUCKS, FARMERS MARKETS AND MUCH MORE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS VERY PROUD TO HOST THIS WONDERFUL FAMILY EVENT, THAT'S ALSO GOOD FOR BUSINESS.

AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAVE A CHANCE TO ENJOY EVERYTHING THAT IT HAS TO OFFER.

ONCE AGAIN, THANKS TO COMMISSIONER SOUTO FOR HIS VISION AND HARD WORK.

AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE AND HELPING MAKE THIS EVENT SUCH A SUCCESS.

ENJOY THE CATTLE SHOW, EVERYONE, AND HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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

