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Friends of Marine Stadium
c/o Dade Heritage Trust
190 SE 12th Terrace
Miami, FL 33131

Dear Friends of Miami Marine Stadium,

On behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner and Chairman of the Miami-Dade Sports Commission, Jose "Pepe" Diaz and the Miami-Dade Sports Commission Board of Directors, we would like to emphasize our support to the restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium.

The stadium is a historical landmark and the preservation of such emblematic masterpiece is the preservation of Miami-Dade County's memory. The idea of the complex, first envisioned in 1962 by the Chicago planning firm of Ralph H. Burke, had only two precedents: a shaped aquatic basin similar to one built on Long Beach, California for the Olympics in 1932, and a waterside grandstand structure built at Jones Beach Theater in 1952.

Since the opening night on December 27, 1963, the Marine Stadium, created by Cuban-born Hilario Candela, was home of sports events, concerts, boat races, among other activities.

As we work to achieve our mission, which has been since 2003 to connect our community through Sports, we strongly believe that the structure is not only an asset for Miami-Dade County but also represent a unique venue for a wide variety of sports events that the Miami-Dade Sports Commission could attract to Miami in the future.

Enclosed is the Statement of Resolution approved by our Board of Directors on April 29, 2010.

Mike W. Sophia
Miami-Dade Sports Commission Executive Director



STATEMENT OF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Miami Dade Sports Commission (MDSC) seeks to secure sports events that will have a major economic impact on Miami Dade County and

WHEREAS, MDSC also seeks to encourage youth, amateur, and professional sports and encourage community events that promote a healthy and active lifestyle and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marine Stadium, on Virginia Key, once hosted major special events such as rowing, boxing, wrestling, concerts, and power boat racing which were enjoyed by residents and had a substantial economic impact on the community and

WHEREAS, a restored Marine Stadium could also have great potential for these as well as many community activities and new sports, such as triathlons, long distance swimming, dragon boat races, wakeboard and

WHEREAS, such events could have a profound positive impact on the cultural and economic vitality of Miami Dade County, then

BE IT RESOLVED that the Miami Dade Sports Commission supports all efforts to restore the Miami Marine Stadium.