



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS BY THE FRIENDS OF MIAMI MARINE STADIUM, INC. AND OTHER ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO PRESERVE, RESTORE AND RETURN THE MIAMI MARINE STADIUM STRUCTURE AND SITE TO VIBRANT PUBLIC USE, INCLUDING THE UTILIZATION OF APPROPRIATE PUBLIC FUNDS AND PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PURSUE THESE EFFORTS

WHEREAS, the Greater Miami Chamber is South Florida’s largest business organization, reaching more than 400,000 employees through its member companies in what is the eighth largest marketplace in America. The Chamber’s agenda is to support economic and business issues ranging from regional business development, international business development, leadership programs and governmental affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marine Stadium, built in 1963, with its dramatically suspended, folded-concrete roof, has received national and international acclaim and is now widely regarded as a design and engineering marvel with no equivalent in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marine Stadium has been designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of 34 “National Treasures” in need of saving, along with the quake-damaged National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and the hospital complex on Ellis Island; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marine Stadium has been closed since 1992 and currently is in disrepair; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Friends of Miami Marine Stadium, Inc., a Florida 501c3 organization, and other entities and individuals to preserve, restore and rehabilitate to vibrant public use the Miami Marine Stadium site is in furtherance of the best interests of the Greater Miami community; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marine Stadium also stands as a signal contribution of Cuban exiles to their adoptive community as the structure was designed by a young, newly-arrived Cuban exile, Hilario Candela, who went on to become one of Miami’s leading architects and who collaborated with engineer Jack Meyer on the design of the stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marine Stadium should be restored to a central place in the Greater Miami community’s cultural landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marine Stadium is inextricably tied to the history, culture and diversity of the Greater Miami community and its preservation, restoration and return to vibrant public use is in furtherance of the Chamber’s goals and objectives set forth for the 2013-2014 year; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Miami Chamber Commerce believes the Miami Marine Stadium structure and site should be restored and returned to vibrant public use in a timely manner and encourages the community and government to support these efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce supports efforts by the Friends of Miami Marine Stadium, Inc. and other entities and individuals to preserve, restore and return the Miami Marine Stadium structure and site to vibrant public use, including the utilization of appropriate public funds and private contributions to pursue these efforts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Alberto Dosal
Chairman