



Carlos Alvarez, Mayor

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


On behalf of Miami-Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs, we would like to express our strong support for the Friends of Marine Stadium's and Dade Heritage Trust's efforts to restore, preserve and protect the Miami Marine Stadium. The Marine Stadium, a unique historical and cultural venue, was once host to many great recreational events, including live concerts, film, TV and many signature special events. We continue to encourage the efforts of the Friends of Marine Stadium, to bring this one-of-a-kind cultural jewel back to life by promoting its activation and maximizing its use by the many experienced and creative local promoters and non-profit arts organizations that call Miami their home.

The arts are a powerful industry in Miami-Dade County with more than 1,000 non-profit cultural organizations. Cultural events in Miami-Dade County generate an impressive \$922 million in local economic impact and attract international attention with thousands of world-class cultural events. It is anticipated that a newly restored Miami Marine Stadium will not only have a significant impact on tourism by providing enriching cultural experiences for Miami-Dade County residents and visitors, but will also have a positive effect on our local economy.

The Marine Stadium is a unique facility that has gained national and international attention. With the qualities of great architecture, history, location, and incredible setting, Miami Marine Stadium provides our community with a competitive facility to host events that simply cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the world. Restoring and protecting this landmark structure is the first essential step in the process of returning this great facility to its former glory.

We appreciate the work of Friends of Marine Stadium and the Dade Heritage Trust and salute their accomplishments. We look forward to working together to promote a restored Miami Marine Stadium to Miami-Dade County's cultural community.

Sincerely,


Michael Spring
Director