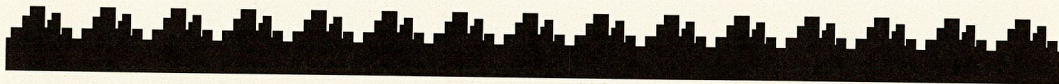




Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Board of Director's Meeting

February 1, 2024



Welcome



Richard Kuper, Esq.
Executive Director

Immediate Past President
Hon. Juan Carlos Bermudez
Commissioner, Miami-Dade County
Past Presidents
Hon. Joseph Corradino
Mayor, Village of Pinecrest
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Mayor, Miami
Hon. Isaac Salver
Councilman, Town of Bay Harbor Islands
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Board of Director's Meeting

February 1, 2024
Hilton Aventura
2885 NE 191st Street
Aventura, FL 33180

7:00 p.m. Reception - 8:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting



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Hon. Rodney Harris
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Mayor, Village of Palmetto Bay
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Mayor, Sweetwater
Hon. Richard Block
Councilman, Virginia Gardens
Hon. Eric Diaz-Padron
Mayor, West Miami

WELCOMING REMARKS

1. INVOCATION:

*Rabbi Guido Cohen,
Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Manager Ronald J. Wasson,
City of Aventura*

3. MINUTES: *December 7, 2023*

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Monthly Disbursement

5. HOST MUNICIPAL PRESENTATIONS:

*Mayor Howard Weinberg,
City of Aventura*

*Mayor Glenn Singer,
Town of Golden Beach*

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Richard Kuper, Esq.

7. COLORECTAL CANCER PRESENTATION:

*Commissioner Michael Stern,
City of Aventura*

8. FORM 6 LITIGATION PRESENTATION:

*Mr. Robert Meyers,
Attorney, Weiss Serota Helfman et al.*

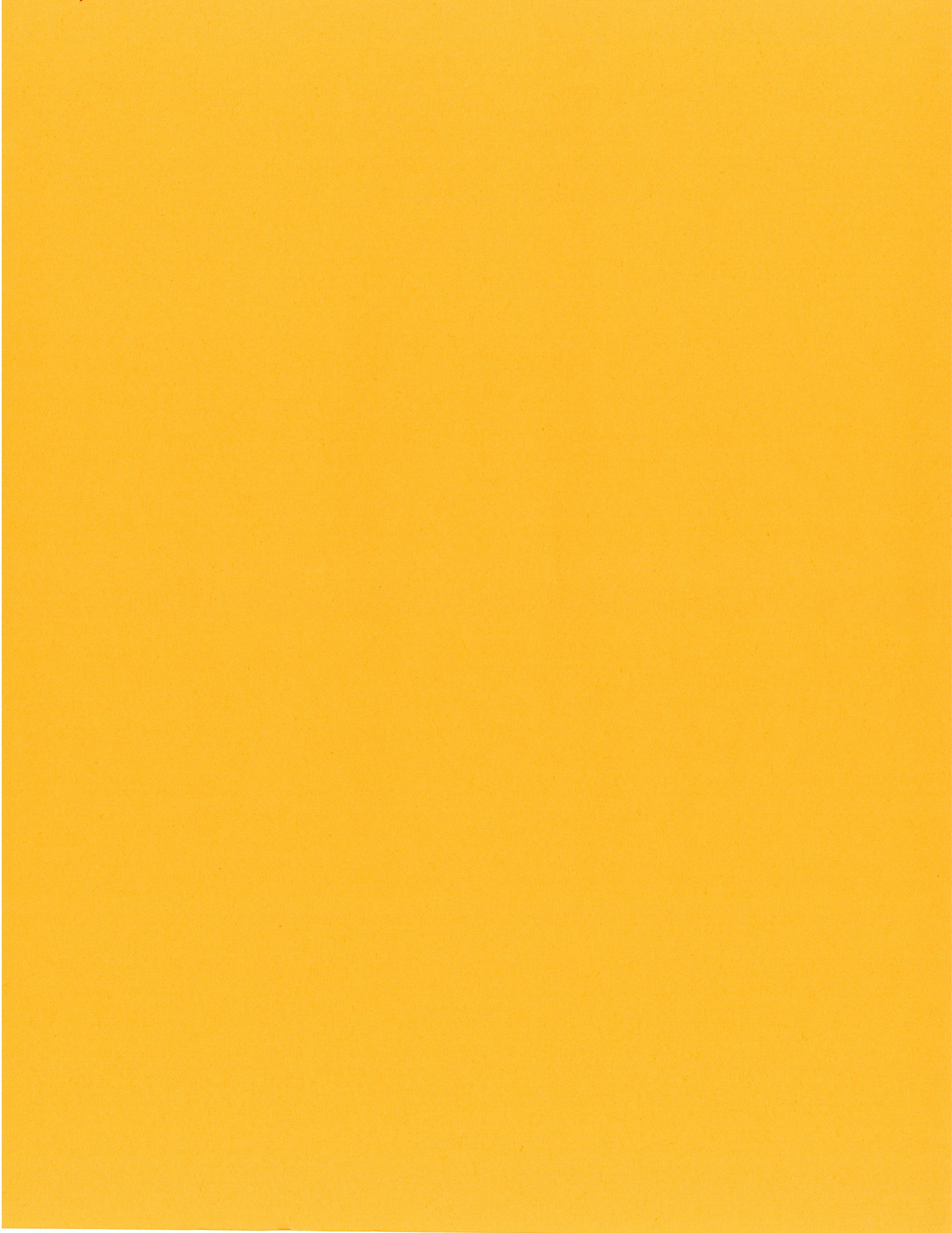
9. ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENTATION:

*Mr. Richard Gibbs,
Director of Corporate Communications & External Affairs,
Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau*

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Coconut Grove Arts Festival 60th Anniversary:** *February 17, 18 & 19, 2024*
- **MDCLC Board of Director's Meeting:** *Thursday, March 7, 2024*
Time: 7:00 p.m. Reception / 8:00 p.m. Dinner meeting
Location: TBA

11. ADJOURNMENT





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Summarized Minutes

December 7, 2023

Village of Palmetto Bay

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On behalf of **President Rodney Harris, 1st Vice President Karyn Cunningham** began the meeting by thanking everyone in attendance at the League's last Board of Directors' Meeting of the year. **MDCLC 1st Vice President Cunningham**, Mayor, Village of Palmetto Bay called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

The Miami-Dade Police Department Honor Guard was welcomed to conduct the presentation of colors.

MDCLC Board Member Leanne Tellam, Vice Mayor of Village of Palmetto Bay led us in the pledge of allegiance, and Atlas Alvarez, The Children's Voice Chorus performed the national anthem.

1st Vice President Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the minutes and consent the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

This month's Board of Directors' Meeting took place on the first night of Hanukkah, the festival of lights. **1st Vice President Cunningham** welcomed Rabbi Zalman Gansburg, Chabad of Palmetto Bay and Deering Bay to conduct the invocation and light the first candle on the Menorah.

1st Vice President Cunningham then provided the host village presentation. She welcomed Youth Board Chair Lorenzo Castillo Rios, Village of Palmetto Bay to present a video.

Due to a vacancy on the League's Executive Board, the League's executive committee nominated **Mayor Joseph Corradino**, Village of Pinecrest. **1st Vice President Cunningham** asked for a motion to confirm **Mayor Corradino's** appointment. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **1st Vice President Cunningham** then proceeded with the installation of the League's newest Executive Board Member, **Mayor Corradino**. On behalf of the Executive Board and Board of Directors, **1st Vice President Cunningham** welcomed and congratulated **Mayor Corradino**.

At this month's Board of Directors' Meeting, the League was fortunate to have two of its League members, Baptist Health and Nicklaus Children's Hospital, sponsor the evening's dinner. Additionally, this night's dinner was also sponsored by Calvin Giordano & Associates. **1st Vice President Cunningham** thanked them for their dedication and support.

1st Vice President Cunningham introduced Miami-Dade County Police Officer and President Peter Judge, South Florida Crime Prevention Association.

Executive Director Richard Kuper then concluded the meeting with the Executive Director's Report.

Mr. Kuper then acknowledged the following members:

The Executive Board Members Present:

First Vice President Karyn Cunningham
Second Vice President Omarr Nickerson
Secretary Fortuna Smukler

Past President:

Past President Joseph Corradino
Past President Wifredo Gort
Past President Luis Gonzalez

Board Members:

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Mayor Tim Meerbott – Cutler Bay
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Mayor George Burch – Miami Shores

Alternate:

Commissioner Luciano Suarez – West Miami

Clerks:

Roseann Prado- Indian Creek Village

Missy Arocha– Palmetto Bay

Attorneys:

Deputy Attorney Barbara Govea, Hialeah

Managers:

Esmond Scott – Miami Shores

Nick Marano – Palmetto Bay

Stan Morris – Sunny Isles Beach

Deputy Manager – Susan Simpson, Sunny Isles Beach

Judges:

Patricia Marino Pedraza – County Court

Miami-Dade County:

Mia DeVane-Mayor's Office

Henry Sori

Candidate for School Board Member:

Kimberly Beltran – District 9

Coconut Grove Arts Festival:

Monty Trainer

Jungle Island & Joya:

Chairman Curtis Crider

Candidate for Sheriff:

Mario Knapp

New Associate Member:

Nicklaus Children's Hospital

Iris Berges

Roly Marante

Olga Menendez

Florida International University

Miguel Asencio

Associate Members:

Maria Luisa Gonzalez, Baptist Health South Florida
Javier Vazquez, Berger Singerman
Kevin Crowder, BusinessFlare
Julio Magrisso, BusinessFlare
Carlos Penin, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Carlos Del Pino, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Jose Miranda, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Luis Perez-Codina, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Greg Mendez, Chen Moore and Associates
Kiara Arevalo, Concentra
Adriana Alvarado, Concentra
Rosie Sotero, Emergency Sandbag Response
Yolanda Aguilar, Emergency Sandbag Response
Baldwyn English, FPL
Raul Guzman, GEMRT
Vivian Casals-Muñoz, Hialeah Park
Bobby Williams, Hialeah Park
Alex Auguste, Marcum LLP.

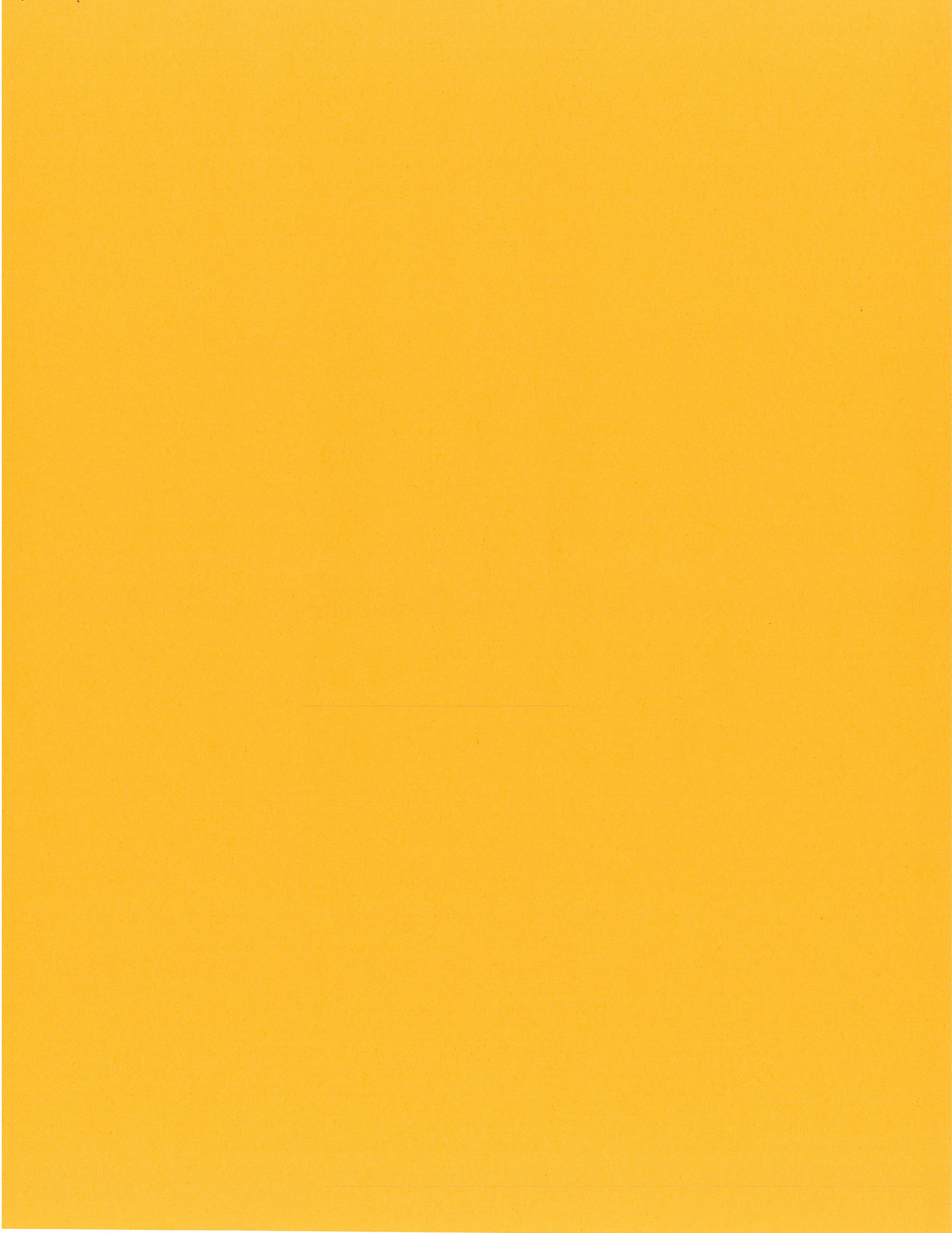
Mr. Kuper thanked the following for their assistance during the League's 17th Annual Turkey Drive:

MDCLC 2nd Second Vice President and Mayor Omarr Nickerson –
El Portal
MDCLC Secretary and Commissioner Fortuna Smukler – North
Miami Beach
Councilman Robert Yaffe- Bay Harbor Islands
MDCLC Board Member and Vice Mayor Walter Thompson- Florida
City
MDCLC Board Member and Vice Mayor Edgar Ayala – Medley
Chief of Police Hernandez – Virginia Gardens
City of Doral Police Department
MDCLC President and Mayor Rodney Harris – Miami Gardens
Vice Mayor Katrina Wilson – Miami Gardens
MDCLC Board Member and Councilman Robert Stephens – Miami
Gardens
Councilman Reggie Leon – Miami Gardens

And the **Board of Directors** for their support of continuing to allow the League to provide for those in need during this holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Summarized minutes



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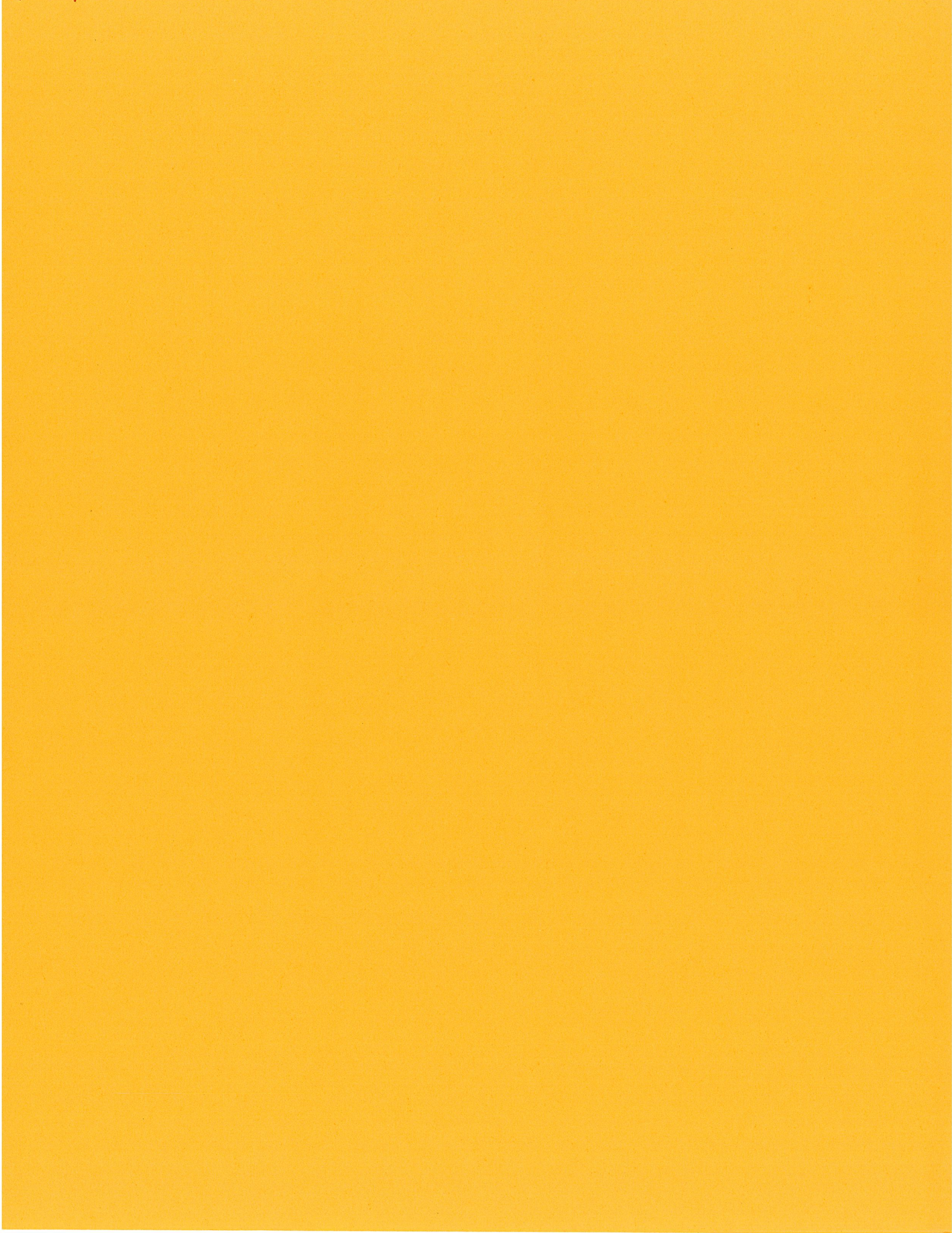
MARCH IS **COLORECTAL** CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Please contact Aventura
Commissioner Michael
Stern for more information
on how your city can
participate.

mstern@cityofaventura.com or
(786)-556-5657





CITY OF _____, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY _____ OF THE CITY OF _____, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A LAWSUIT SEEKING A DECLARATION THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 112.144(1)(d), FLORIDA STATUTES, THAT REQUIRE MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO FILE FORM 6 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND INVALID, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, since 1976, Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution has required that all elected State constitutional officers file a full and public disclosure of their financial interests, which is done through a state-adopted form (“Form 6”) that requires, among other things, the disclosure of the specific amounts of an official’s net worth, income and asset values; and

WHEREAS, historically, municipal elected officials have been required to make a more limited financial disclosure that is done through a different state-adopted form (“Form 1”) that requires, among other things, the disclosure of information related to sources of income, real property, intangible personal property liabilities and interests in specified businesses, but does not include the specific amounts of an official’s net worth, income and asset values; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and all current elected members of the City _____ (the “City Elected Officials”) were elected by the voters of the City subject to and in reliance upon Florida law that required the Mayor and _____ Members to annually file Form 1 (not Form 6) financial disclosures forms; and

officials, most of which receive little or no compensation for their service, (b) unnecessarily risks the safety of such officials (making them targets of, among other things, burglary, identity theft and extortion), and (c) will deter many otherwise qualified and interested citizens from running for office; and

WHEREAS, in fact, many municipal officials resigned from office prior to December 31, 2023, as a result of the new disclosure requirements, disrupting the ability of some local governments to operate for lack of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of the intrusive Form 6 disclosure requirements at the municipal level is not the least restrictive means of serving the governmental interests of preventing abuse of the public trust, as demonstrated by, among other things, the lack of such requirements at the municipal level in other states and at the federal level (even the President of the United States and members of the U.S. Congress are not required to make such extensive disclosures); and

WHEREAS, requiring that unpaid (or low paid) municipal elected officials disclose their precise net worth, income and assets does not serve (let alone constitute the least restrictive means of serving) any compelling interest – Form 1 disclosures constitutes sufficient transparency to inform the public of potential conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of new financial disclosure requirements upon municipal elected officials who were elected without such requirements violates due process, is fundamentally unfair and violates fundamental constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in a lawsuit seeking a declaration that the provisions of Section 112.3144(1)(d), Florida Statutes, that require municipal elected

from the defendants. The filing of any appeals will be authorized by separate resolution under the terms thereof. The City and its elected officials also acknowledges that the Firm will be representing other local governments and officials in this lawsuit and waives any conflicts related to such representation. [ONLY FOR CITIES WHERE WSH DOES NOT SERVE AS CITY ATTORNEY: The City further acknowledges that, from time to time, the Firm may be called upon by client to represent them as to requests for various approvals and as to other matters with respect to or involving the City. The City hereby waives any potential conflict of interest in the Firm's representation of those clients arising from its representation of the City in the Lawsuit.]

Section 4: The City _____ invites and urges other local governments and elected officials to join the City as plaintiffs in the Lawsuit and to coordinate their efforts with the City.

Section 5: The City Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to all local governments in _____ County.

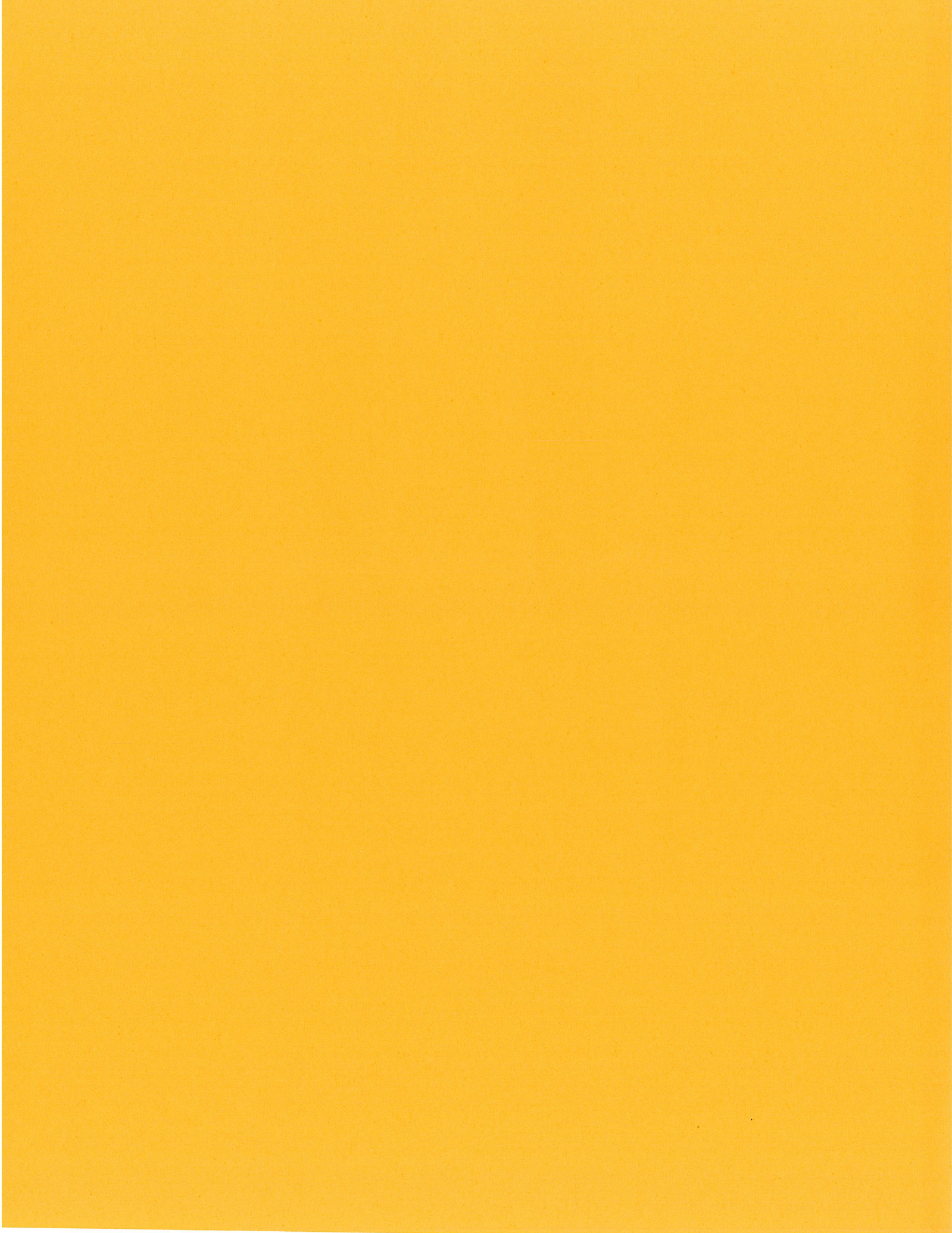
Section 6: That the appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and expedient to carry out the aims of this Resolution.

Section 7: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

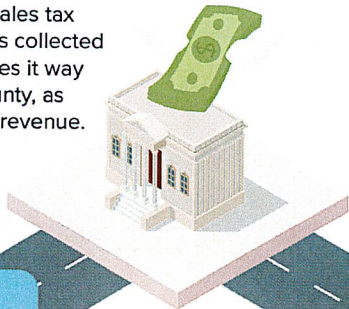
Mayor

ATTEST:



The Journey of a Miami-Dade County Tourism Dollar

A portion of state sales tax and local tax dollars collected in Tallahassee makes its way to Miami-Dade County, as well as tourism tax revenue.



A visitor is inspired to travel to Greater Miami and Miami Beach for business or leisure.



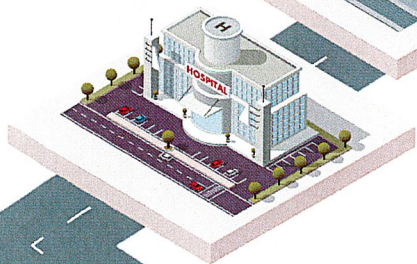
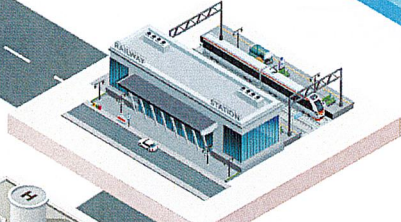
The journey begins with the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau marketing our world-renowned destination.



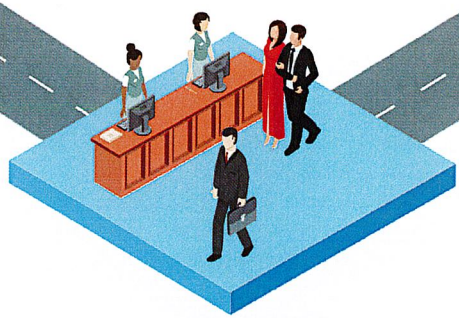
In Miami-Dade, these visitor-generated taxes support education, public safety, transportation arts and culture and more.



Once they arrive, a visitor pays for a service or product



A portion of our hotel tax funds amenities like municipal mass transit systems and public health facilities.



A portion of the tourist development tax or hotel tax supports GMCVB marketing campaigns that continue to attract visitors.

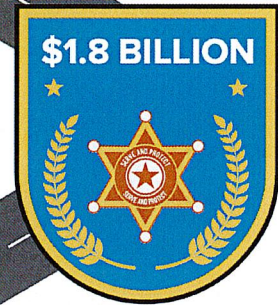
In 2022, 26.5 million visitors chose Greater Miami and Miami Beach as their destination of choice.

In 2022, visitors spent \$20.8 billion throughout our destination.

**BROUGHT
TO YOU BY
TOURISM**

PRESENTED BY THE
GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

The tourism industry supports
146,000 jobs throughout the county

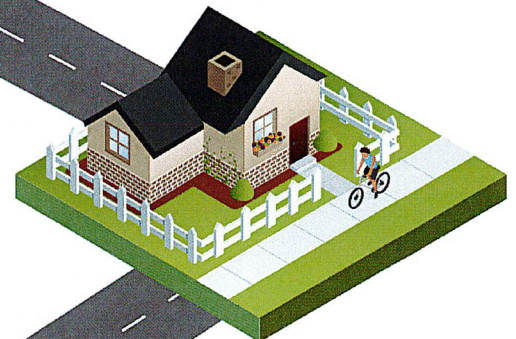
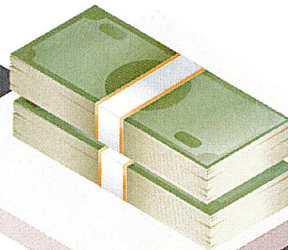


Resulting in enough tax revenue
to pay the average annual salaries
of more than 31,800 police officers.

**181
= 1**

Where every 181 visitors
create one new job

All because dollars are invested in tourism
marketing and one of those invested dollars
results in \$63 in economic impact



This helps resident households all be
better off providing more than \$2,500
in annual tax savings.

**Giving us all the more reason to appreciate why we live, work and play here and
create the environment for inspiring entrepreneurs and businesses to join us.**