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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Miami Beach Announces Hispanic Heritage Month Award Winners**

*-- Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held on October 14, 6PM, North Shore Park --*

**Miami Beach, FL --** The City of Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee will honor Miami Beach's Hispanic community leaders at the city's annual Hispanic Heritage Month Festival that will be held on Friday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at North Shore Park & Youth Center, located at 501 72 Street, Miami Beach.

The Hispanic Heritage Month Award honors Hispanic individuals who have made a difference to the Miami Beach community. Each of the awardees is actively involved in fostering positive change in the community through involvement in civic and/or professional activities. This year, the Committee honors the following individuals in six categories:

**Ana Bolt** (artist)

As the artistic director for expressions at Nautilus Middle School, she inspires students with her thoughts, words, and actions. Her various dance programs over the last 10 years that has offered a great cultural service to many children in the Miami Beach community.

**Becky Kobrowski-Cohen** (resident)

As the president of the Friends of North Beach Elementary, Bolt has led many successful fundraising efforts to enhance education in Miami Beach. She also serves as the president of the Cuban-Hebrew Congregation's Temple Beth Shmuel where she oversees religious, social and educational activities, including the Montessori School at the temple.

**Magnolia Martinez** (social services):

Martinez oversees the Family Self-sufficiency and Home Ownership programs at Rebecca Towers, Miami Beach Housing Authority, providing for the daily needs of more than 500 elderly and disabled residents. During the 2010 Census, she was active in educating the Hispanic elderly community on its importance. She also serves in many other non-profit agencies and programs serving the community.

**German Pena** (business)

This Publix by the Bay store manager serves the Miami Beach community with a smile. In addition to his duties as manager, he donates baked goods and bottled water to area schools for fundraising purposes. As a result, children in the Miami Beach community have a brighter educational environment.

**Susana Riener** (education)

In tutoring children who have severe learning and behavioral disabilities, Riener has made a difference in her students' lives. She serves as an assistant teacher and tutor at North Beach Elementary and is also a child psychologist. She open-heartening does not deny any student or parent assistance due to their financial situations.

**Cristian Shmith** (youth)

This young athlete was instrumental in Miami Beach's quest for national youth soccer success. The Miami Beach soccer team placed first in the state and fourth in the national tournament.

"Hispanics are a powerful voice on Miami Beach," said Frankie Trullenque, chairperson, Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee. "And the winners exemplify the values that we most cherish - integrity, professionalism and a true caring for the community in which we live."

The Hispanic Affairs Committee serves as a vehicle for responsible persons to utilize and consult with, in attempting to understand and resolve the concerns of the Hispanic community, and make recommendations to the City Commission.

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