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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: April 16, 2007

SUBJECT: Arbor Day April 21, 2007

I am pleased to inform you that in accordance with the guidelines set forth by The National Arbor Day Foundation, and in fulfillment of one of the requirements for attaining the Tree City USA designation, Mayor David Dermer has proclaimed Saturday, April 21, 2007 as Arbor Day in Miami Beach.

To celebrate, The City of Miami Beach, Parks and Recreation's, Greenspace Management Division, will host a cleanup and tree planting event where volunteers will plant more than twenty trees and participate in a beach cleanup from 9 AM to 12 noon at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Park at Ocean Drive and 3rd Street. This event will also celebrate Earth Day, and is being coordinated with the Environmental Coalition of Miami Beach (ECOMB) which, with assistance from the Chamber Pillars and the Woman's Club from Florida International University, has been recruiting volunteers. The Parks and Recreation Department is providing the trees, tools, and technical support.

For further information on this event, please contact Kevin Smith at (305) 673-7730.

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c: Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager
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