

PETITION

For

**THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE CONDITIONS AT HAULOVER BEACH PARK
To The**

MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR ALVAREZ

PURPOSE: IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS PETITION TO INFORM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK DEPARTMENT, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE COUNTY MAYOR CARLOS ALVAREZ AND THE COUNTY MANAGER GEORGE BURGESS, THAT WE THE PATRONS OF HAULOVER BEACH PARK HAVE EXHAUSTED OUR PATIENCE WITH THE LACK OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO MEET OUR BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY NEEDS. WE RESPECTFULLY PLEAD YOUR ASSISTANCE AND ACTION IN REMEDYING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN AT AN UNHEALTHY CRISIS LEVEL FOR OVER 12 YEARS AND CAN ONLY BE CLASSIFIED AS UNMITIGATED NEGLECT.

WHEREAS, the wait for park facility infrastructure improvements, guaranteed under the Safe Neighborhood Bond Issue and the Haulover Park Master Plan approved four years ago by a vote of the County Commission, is intolerable. A new bathroom adjacent to the most populated section of beach was promised more than three years ago and to date, construction has not started, and;

WHEREAS, the public's health is in jeopardy due to the existing deteriorating beachside restroom facility at the north end of Haulover Beach. It is woefully inadequate to serve in excess of 4 -5,000 patrons each weekday and 8 -10,000 patrons each weekend day, and;

WHEREAS, the lack of uniformed Miami-Dade County Police on Haulover Beach and in Haulover Park for the number of patrons at this facility poses significant public safety threats, legal and criminal issues, and;

WHEREAS, additional accessible beachside parking off A1A for the handicapped and the Haulover Beach Ambassadors Program volunteers are in the Haulover Master Plan, but have not been fulfilled.

WHEREAS, the time it takes to obtain permits for capital improvements and for special events is long and cumbersome for recognized user groups, and slow decisions with punitive conditions are being imposed, and;

WHEREAS, the Haulover Beach Park's designated Naturist family beach will have existed for 14 years this July 2005 without any adverse secondary effect on park patrons or the community, and;

WHEREAS, the Haulover Beach Park's designated Naturist family beach is an recognized and accepted recreational choice within the park system and its visitors have been law-abiding and respectful of Florida laws, local ordinances and park rules during its years of existence. Local business owners, tourism associations, elected and law enforcement officials have the highest praise for Haulover Beach's Naturist family beach visitors and their conduct during this time, and;

WHEREAS, Haulover's Naturist beach is one of the largest tourist destination facilities in Florida and provides an economic benefit to Miami-Dade County and local business interests estimated at \$870 million dollars each year. This is derived from the estimated 1.3 million annually Naturist tourists. Haulover parking revenue brought in a total of \$10,473,241 for the past 14 years compared to Crandon Park's \$6,980,770. Haulover's estimated 2004-05 parking revenues will exceed 1.2 million dollars.

THEREFORE, I, THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY REQUEST the County Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners instruct the County Manager and the Park Department Director to expedite the construction of the restroom facility for the most populated section of beach. FURTHER, I, RESPECTFULLY REQUEST the County Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners instruct the County Manager and the Park Department Director to place in the budget of the Park Department a line item expenditure of adequate funds for at least two (2) assigned uniformed Miami-Dade County Police Officers exclusively for Haulover Beach Park daily, from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm. for the year 2005/06 and thereafter,

Signature: _____ Name (printed): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Date: ____/____/2005

I visit Miami specifically because of Haulover's clothing optional status: ____ Yes ____ No