RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board strongly supports and encourages the retention and preservation of the Miami Marine Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marine Stadium is considered to be an exceptional example of Mid Century Modern architecture poured entirely of concrete, with a hyperbolic paraboloid roof structure and dramatically cantilevered folded-plate roof supported by slanted columns anchored in the through the grandstand; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marine Stadium is considered the first example of the significant contributions made by generations of Cuban professionals who fled Castro's revolution and came to Miami as exiles,

WHEREAS, most of the defining architectural features of the Miami Marine Stadium remain intact and the changes to the structure over the years are reversible, as documentation exists for a full restoration, and

WHEREAS, a development plan that highlights the existing structure and pays homage to the Miami Marine Stadium's historical role in mid-century development would enhance the Southeast Florida environment from a business and preservation standpoint,

WHEREAS, Miami is a major marine and sports oriented city and there are significant sailboat and other aquatic activities that can and will use this facility enhancing the economy of our area,

WHEREAS, the retention, renovation and restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium is critical to the architectural and environmental history of Southeast Florida.

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the City of Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board urges the City of Miami Historic and Environmental Preservation Board to designate the Miami Marine Stadium property as an Historic Site.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF August, 2008.

Allan J. Hall,
Chair
Historic Preservation Board