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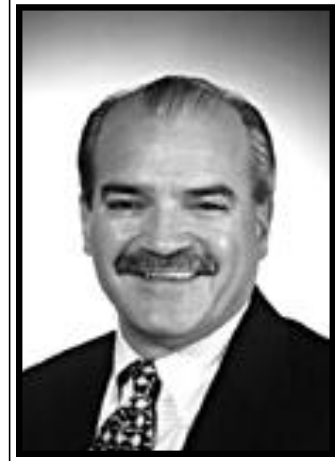
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To the Citizens, Chair, and Board of County Commissioners
Broward County, Florida

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to forward to you the Broward County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2000. You can be assured that the financial position of Broward County remains sound and strong.

During the year, the Board held their third annual workshop to refine five overall goals established in fiscal 1998, and added a sixth goal to address the needs of the elderly, children and low income families. Throughout this document there are photographs illustrating the Board's third goal, enhancing the synergy between the Airport and Seaport, and the tremendous growth that both operations have achieved over the years.



Significant progress toward achieving the Board's goals was made during the past year. A bond program was referred to the voters to fund preservation of the remaining green and open space in the County and improve the parks system. The economy continued to expand. Cruise ship activity at the Seaport expanded, and the Airport is in the midst of a major renovation and expansion program. The first phase of the largest expansion in mass transit service was implemented. SunSational Service Training for all employees was initiated, and a central call center was activated to better serve our citizens. E-government initiatives began, and hits to our home page exceeded five million per month. The family success initiative, bringing together government, neighborhood and non-profit services to be more responsive to citizen needs was implemented.

Fiscally, policy direction and a conservative management approach resulted in a slight decrease in the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2001. In part, this resulted from our constant efforts to increase efficiency, as well as from a healthy economy, and was achieved while funding increases to improve human services, operate new libraries and initiate e-government projects to enhance service delivery. This financial strength of the County was recognized by several bond rating increases during the year.

Broward County is a dynamic and exciting place to live and work, and it has been my privilege to serve as your County Administrator during this very successful year. I appreciate your support and direction and look forward to continued growth and accomplishments for the County.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger J. Desjarlais
County Administrator

