

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS

The success of the inaugural Sicilian Film Festival in 2006 was very encouraging. It is now renowned throughout the United States and the world. This festival is a creation of **Emanuele Viscuso Communication**®. The concept began when The Bogusoni Nel Mondo association requested the showing here in Florida of some films made by Sicilian directors. Sicilians, Italians, Americans and people from every ethnic background equally enjoyed the festival and felt that they were part of a larger family. The Sicilian Film Festival has quickly become a showcase for the fruits of Sicilian cultural creativity.

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The second annual Sicilian Film Festival will take place in spring 2007 with a special preview in March 2007. Many interesting and internationally-oriented events will accompany the Sicilian Film Festival, including trips, cruises, gala dinners and other gatherings in Miami and abroad, creating a sort of cosmopolitan "club" of people passionate about Sicily. The international committee, formed of leaders in the Italian and Sicilian culture and institutions such as the University of Perugia, the Experimental Center for Cinematographic arts in Rome, the Lea Matiz Foundation in Bogota and others are working together to create and promote the Sicilian Film Festival throughout the world.

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Miami and Miami Beach will provide the Festival with the ability to continue to be an international fair for Sicilian culture and a cultural meeting place for all Italian-American communities and groups in America. Participants will be treated to a variety of events including films in Italian with English subtitles, parties, presentations, exhibitions, concerts and other fascinating experiences. The Festival has already received a high degree of interest from potential sponsors both in America and abroad. The idea of the Sicilian Film Festival has also spawned initiatives around the world and in Sicily, such as an Organ Music Festival in the churches of Castelbuono, outside of Palermo, Sicily. In cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, Bogota, London, Paris, and Lisbon, delegations of the Sicilian Film Festival are being organized to expand the Festival internationally.

NOW THEREFORE, DO I, David Dermer, as Mayor of the City of Miami Beach, hereby proclaim May 16, 2007 as

Sicilian Film Festival Day

in the City of Miami Beach.




 Mayor David Dermer

 Vice Mayor M. Góngora