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CITY OF HIALEAH AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PARTNER ON NATIONAL YOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMY

MIAMI – The Miami-Dade Sports Commission (MDSC) is proud to announce that the City of Hialeah and Major League Baseball will partner on the development of a National Youth Baseball Academy in 2009. This partnership will be supported through a resolution unanimously supported by the MDSC Board of Directors at their meeting on Thursday, September 25.

Open to all levels of youth, ages 5 through high school, the Baseball Academy will set the standard for instruction, teaching and education in South Florida through our National Pastime. The 20-acre state-of-the-art facility will feature approximately seven baseball fields, with at least one regulation sized high school field, complete with batting cages, clubhouse, a training facility, and office space.

This facility will also be used to help train and attract other baseball professionals, such as coaches, athletic trainers, scouts, umpires, and facilities maintenance professionals. Camps and clinics will be offered quarterly for the development and education of these interested individuals.

“Baseball is truly ‘Americas Game’; participation in this sport can help develop the character of our community youth and is critical for interpersonal development and success,” states Mayor Julio Robaina of the City of Hialeah. “Through this academy, we will work diligently and positively to develop in our youth: integrity, respect, accountability, character, self discipline, personal responsibility and teamwork.”

The Academy designed to develop championship caliber major league players and solid major league contributors to society from our local community youth, will further act as an economic stimulus for the City of Hialeah and Miami-Dade County by created a venue for traveling teams to compete and train at.

“This is a tremendous example of a local government and a private entity, such as Major League Baseball, getting together to develop something that will benefit the community,” said Mike Sophia, MDSC Executive Director. “We are very pleased to support this project that will promote active and healthy lifestyles for the people in this community through participation in sports programs.”

For more information regarding the City of Hialeah or the National Youth Baseball Academy please contact Arnie Alonso at (305) 801-7571.

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