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VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK TRUST

salutes **BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2002**

THE HISTORIC VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK

(located on Rickenbacker Causeway, just past the Miami Seaquarium)

is available for Special Events and Activities such as:

- Family/Class Reunions
- Family/Club/School/Business Picnics
- Special Services, Baptisms, Weddings
- Recreational Activities
- Music and other Festivals

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HISTORIC VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK

- is a 77-acre tract owned by the City of Miami located at 3851 Rickenbacker Causeway
- was known as the "Colored Beach" during the era of racial segregation in the South;
- was the only bathing beach in the County legally available to African Americans at that time
- was closed in 1982, due to the high cost of maintenance and operation; and
- since 1999, a diverse group of citizens has worked to preserve and restore the Park.

Today, the Virginia Key Beach Park Trust, created in January 2001 by the City of Miami Commission, works in cooperation with the Department of Parks and Recreation and other City Departments, to preserve the Park in a manner consistent with the environmental health, public use, historical importance of the Park and the aspirations of the African-American community.

If you are interested in assisting with the restoration and preservation of the Park or would like additional information, contact Lynette Williams Austin, Executive Director, at:

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