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### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOE A. MARTINEZ DISTRICT 11

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### **Miami-Dade to officially become "Miami-Wade County" from July 1-7**

#### ***Part of "We Want Wade" campaign to keep Dwyane Wade with Miami HEAT***

**MIAMI (June 16, 2010)** – Come July, Miami-Dade residents will have a new home - at least temporarily. On June 15, the Miami-Dade County Commission approved legislation, sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, changing the County's name to "Miami-Wade County" from July 1-7, 2010.

The move is part of the "We Want Wade" campaign organized by the Miami HEAT to encourage player Dwyane Wade to stay with the team. Fans can visit the website [www.wewantwade.com](http://www.wewantwade.com) to learn more about Wade's accomplishments as one of the HEAT's star players, leave messages for Wade, and receive a free fan kit.

"What better way to get Dwyane Wade to consider staying with the Miami HEAT than by letting him know Miami-Wade County will always be his home in the hearts of fans?" said Commissioner Martinez.

HEAT fans celebrated the team's victory during the 2006 NBA Championship and witnessed Wade lead the HEAT in scoring during the 2006 NBA Finals, subsequently becoming the NBA Finals' Most Valuable Player. Wade also brought home the gold medal from the 2008 Beijing Olympics, was named Most Valuable Player of the 2010 NBA All-Star Game, was selected first team All-NBA for the 2009-10 NBA season, and contributes to residents' quality of life through the Wade's World Foundation.

For more information, please contact Commissioner Martinez's office at 305-552-1155 or visit [www.wewantwade.com](http://www.wewantwade.com).

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