

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-299

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DECLARING THAT CORAL GABLES IS A GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS CITY AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ILLUMINATE CITY HALL WITH VISIBLE GREEN LIGHTING IN OBSERVANCE OF OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS AND ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS.

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables community is known for having great respect, admiration, and gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Operation Green Light for Veterans is a nationwide initiative aimed at honoring and showing support for veterans and active-duty military personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables recognizes the sacrifices made by veterans and active-duty military personnel in service to our country and is committed to expressing gratitude and respect for their dedication and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, one of the symbolic ways to show support for veterans and active-duty military personnel during Operation Green Light for Veterans is by illuminating public and private buildings with visible green lighting; and

WHEREAS, this display of green lighting is a gesture of unity and appreciation, symbolizing the community's commitment to supporting veterans and active-duty military personnel; and

WHEREAS, earlier this month the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution directing that major County buildings be illuminated in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans and encouraging all residents of Miami-Dade County to support and participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables believes that encouraging all residents and business owners to participate in this initiative by displaying a green light in a window of their residence or place of business is a meaningful way to involve the entire community in honoring veterans and active-duty military personnel; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of our nation's veterans and transitioning service members have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our country; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually according to the United States Department of Labor, and it is estimated that, in the near future, there will be a 20 percent increase in the number of service members who will transition to civilian life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "**WHEREAS**" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City of Coral Gables Commission hereby proclaims that Coral Gables is a Green Light for Veterans City.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is hereby directed to ensure that, from November 6, 2023 through November 12, 2023, City buildings are illuminated with visible green lighting or visible and prominent green lighting is displayed in observance of Operation Green Light for Veterans, provided that such lighting can be accomplished without incurring expense.

SECTION 4. The City Commission encourages all residents and business owners of Coral Gables to support and participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans by displaying a green light in a window of their residence or place of business from November 6, 2023 through November 12, 2023.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2023.

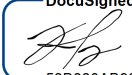
(Moved: Fernandez / Seconded: Anderson)

(Yeas: Menendez, Anderson, Castro, Fernandez, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: F-9)

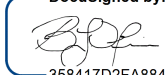
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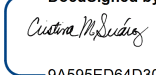
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