

***WHEREAS**, every year, too many Americans are touched by the pain and hardship caused by breast cancer - a disease that, among women, is one of the most common cancers; and*

***WHEREAS**, during “National Breast Cancer Awareness Month,” we honor all those who lost their lives attributable to the fight against breast cancer. We recognize the courageous survivors who are still fighting, it is for these individuals, and for their loved ones who give their unwavering support during the most trying times, that we recommit ourselves to the essential and necessary work of forging a future free from cancer in all its forms; and*

***WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of Americans will unfortunately be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and although both women and men can have breast cancer, women are at a higher risk, especially those women with a family history of breast cancer, or additionally individuals who are older, are also more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer; and*

***WHEREAS**, early detection and treatment can save lives, thus we recognize the importance of an annual mammogram, an “x-ray” of the breast, recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt, and because of this we remember that October 20, 2023 is “National Mammography Day;” and*

***WHEREAS**, death rates from breast cancer have been declining, this change is believed to be the result of early detection and improved treatment;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO**, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as:*

“NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN CORAL GABLES”

***IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF**, I hereby urge all of the citizens of the City of Coral Gables to find out if they are at increased risk and to learn more about recommended screenings by speaking with their respective healthcare providers, as we stand in solidarity with breast cancer survivors, and thank those advocates, medical professionals, researchers, and caregivers who have dedicated their lives to fighting for a world without breast cancer.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto placed my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Coral Gables to be affixed on this tenth day of October, A.D., 2023.*

***Vince Lago**
Mayor*

***Rhonda Anderson**
Vice Mayor*

***Melissa Castro**
Commissioner*

***Ariel Fernandez**
Commissioner*

***Kirk R. Menendez**
Commissioner*