

**WHEREAS**, *Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in the month of March, we take time to celebrate the accomplishments and the countless ways women, of every race, class, and ethnic background have strengthened and contributed to the fabric of the Nation and acknowledge that we all benefit from the leadership and contributions of women in education, medicine, government, law, business, military services and every other field; and*

**WHEREAS**, *women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which creates a more fair and open-minded society for all; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the influence and accomplishments of women demonstrating leadership and professionalism in our community have contributed to all aspects of life and have continued to help make Coral Gables a safe, thriving and vibrant community; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the 2023 Women's History Month theme "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" was chosen to recognize women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more. The timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade.*

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

## ***"WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN CORAL GABLES"***

**IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF**, *I hereby encourage the residents of our "City Beautiful" to join me in promoting and observing this year's Women's History Month theme: "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" to honor these brave, accomplished and influential women who told – and continue to tell – our stories. Today and over the years ahead, their dedication and shared desire to give voice to the voiceless are critical to keeping us informed, entertained and aware.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Coral Gables to be affixed on this twenty-eighth day of March, A.D., 2023.*

***Vince Lago***  
***Mayor***

***Michael Mena***  
***Vice Mayor***

***Rhonda Anderson***  
***Commissioner***

***Jim Cason***  
***Commissioner***

***Kirk R. Menendez***  
***Commissioner***