

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, “GENERAL PROVISIONS”, SECTION 1-2, “DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION” BY DESIGNATING JUNETEENTH, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> AS AN OFFICIAL CITY HOLIDAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of Coral Gables desires to provide a definition for holiday in order to maintain consistency in the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the other applicable sections of the City Code define holiday to include those days recognized as a holiday by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, June 19<sup>th</sup> is recognized as Juneteenth, the day that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth has long been an important holiday in the African American community, as a time for celebration rather than mourning and remembrance; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth has been designated a federal holiday and a Miami-Dade County holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to designate June 19<sup>th</sup> as an official city holiday for all employees;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** The Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida is hereby amended to include a definition of holiday under Chapter 1, “General Provisions”, Section 1-2, “Definitions and rules” to read as follows:

Section 1-2 Definitions and rules of construction.

The following definitions and rules of construction shall apply to this Code and to all ordinances unless the context requires otherwise:

*Holiday.* Any holiday that is recognized by the City, including, but not limited to New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President’s Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving Day and the following

Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Any such holiday that falls on a Saturday and Sunday shall be observed as designated by the City.

**SECTION 3.** Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** Codification.

It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances; and that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

**SECTION 6.** Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective ten days from the date of its adoption by the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY URQUIA-HERR  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY