



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the “Day of the Dead” event as one of five events of the International Cultural Events Program.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The International Cultural Events Initiative is a program focused on bringing five high-quality, international, and culturally enriching events to Coral Gables with the purpose of learning and experiencing the culture and ethnicity of other countries for the benefit of residents, businesses, and visitors.

The Day of the Dead is celebrated throughout Mexico on November 1st and 2nd, with the purpose of bringing families together to welcome their loved ones who return from the afterlife. People set up a candlelit altar in their homes so spirits can find their way back to their relatives. The altar also offers some of the favorite foods of the deceased.

In 2008, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared this holiday as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, due to its importance and meaning as a traditional, integrative, representative and community expression.

The “Day of the Dead” event is hosted by the Consulate General of Mexico, is expected to take place on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Fred B. Hartnett/Ponce Circle Park.

This request has been reviewed by the City’s Special Events Committee and qualifies for this International Cultural Events Initiative program based on the established criteria. The City of Coral Gables will provide in-kind contributions, as specified in the attached guidelines for the International Cultural Events Program, not to exceed the amount of \$20,000. City expenses incurred over this amount will be the responsibility of the event sponsor.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution
2. Special Event Application & Permit
3. Guidelines for the International Cultural Events Program

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

No.	Amount	Account No.	Source of Funds
1.	\$20,000	001-6900-552-3106 Project Name: DAY OF THE DEAD CELEB	General Fund
Total:	\$20,000		

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$20,000 will be used to cover city services. The funding allows the Consulate of Mexico to hold this event in Coral Gables which provides a culturally enriching experience for residents and visitors alike.

BUSINES IMPACT: