

***WHEREAS**, from its grand opening on December 7, 1948, showcasing Glenn Ford in “The Return of October”, the Miracle Theatre has served as a beacon of entertainment and cultural significance in Coral Gables and South Florida; and*

***WHEREAS**, withstanding the test of time and the disappearance of many landmark theaters in the region, the Miracle Theatre stands as a testament to its rich history, having undergone transformations from its inception to its evolution into the Miracle Twin Theatre in 1978, further expanding to the Miracle 4 Theatres in 1983, and its eventual transformation into a revered performing arts center in 1995; and*

***WHEREAS**, under the wise leadership of Founding Chairman Dr. Lawrence E. Stein, Executive Producing Director Barbara S. Stein, and the dedicated Board of Directors of Actors’ Playhouse, a fruitful partnership was fostered with the City of Coral Gables, breathing new life into the Miracle Theatre through a monumental, debt-free \$10 million restoration project; and*

***WHEREAS**, this historic venue, now comprising a 600-seat Mainstage auditorium, a 300-seat Balcony Theatre, and a 100-seat Black Box space, has blossomed into a hub of cultural activity, offering comprehensive educational programs, workshops, and a platform for both local and international performances; and*

***WHEREAS**, Actors’ Playhouse, a crown jewel of Miami-Dade County’s cultural institutions, has steadfastly committed to preserving and enhancing our community’s cultural fabric for 36 years, delivering over 200 Mainstage productions, securing 100 prestigious Carbonell Awards, and being recognized with the esteemed “Best of the Best” KIDS CROWN AWARD; and*

***WHEREAS**, as a true cultural destination, the Miracle Theatre, under the auspices of Actors’ Playhouse, has enriched the lives of over 2,500,000 children through its youth programs and has generously donated 16 percent of its tickets annually, ensuring inclusivity and access to the magic of live theatrical performances for all;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO**, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2023 as:*

## **“MIRACLE THEATRE DAY IN CORAL GABLES”**

***IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF**, we ask the residents of our “City Beautiful” to recognize and commemorate the Miracle Theatre and Actors’ Playhouse for 75 years of unwavering dedication, artistic excellence, and immeasurable contributions to our community’s cultural legacy.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this fourteenth of November, A.D., 2023.*

**Vince Lago**  
**Mayor**

**Rhonda Anderson**  
**Vice Mayor**

**Melissa Castro**  
**Commissioner**

**Ariel Fernandez**  
**Commissioner**

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