

Office of the Mayor  
The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

*WHEREAS, years of investment in crime victims' rights and services have developed a system of victim response that can help victims recover from crime, thereby reaching and serving all victims of crime, which is essential in supporting thriving communities; and*

*WHEREAS, dedicated victim service providers work every day to meet the needs of crime victims, yet there are still way too many victims without meaningful access to rights and services; and*

*WHEREAS, we must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link them to the appropriate resources that can help them recover; and*

*WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and*

*WHEREAS, "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" provides an opportunity to recommit ensuring that all victims of crime—especially those who are challenging to reach or serve—are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and*

*WHEREAS, this year's NCVRW theme—"Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future"—celebrates the progress made by those before us as we look to a future of crime victim services that is even more inclusive, accessible, and trauma-informed; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables is dedicated to strengthening those victims and survivors in the aftermath of a crime, and in the furtherance of building resilience in our communities and amongst our victim responders in working for justice for all victims and survivors;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7 - 13, 2019 as:*

***"NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN CORAL GABLES"***

*IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I call upon the residents of our "City Beautiful" to reaffirm our commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" and throughout the year, and express our heartfelt appreciation for those victims and crime survivors everywhere, who have turned personal tragedy into a triumph, thereby creating a positive motivating force aimed at improving our response time on behalf of victims of crime and in the furtherance of a more just community.*

*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 twenty-sixth day of March, A.D., 2019.*

*Raul Valdes-Fauli*  
Mayor

*Vince Lago*  
Vice Mayor

*Patricia Keon*  
Commissioner

*Michael Mena*  
Commissioner

*Frank C. Quesada*  
Commissioner