## Office of the Mayor The City of CoralGables

## **Resolution of Condolence**

A Resolution of Condolence on behalf of the City of Coral Gables, extending its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Nino Pernetti.

WHEREAS, Nino Pernetti was born in post-World War II Italy, in the tiny town of Campione, which was a 30- minute bicycle ride from the nearest town. He was one of eight children, who lost his mother at age 3 when both contracted typhus. He was a self-made man who worked to pay for three years of high school in a town eight miles away, before enrolling in hospitality school, where he found he preferred working the front of the house. He discovered his interest in hospitality while working in a small bed-and-breakfast in the touristy town of Limone. spent the next 15 years working in some of the top hotels in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America-learning new languages everywhere he went and ultimately set up his business in Coral Gables in 1987 with Caffe Baci followed by Caffe Abbracci in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Nino Pernetti, a highly successful entrepreneur and restauranteur was the owner of Caffe Abbracci on Aragon Avenue in Coral Gables for more than 30-years; he was the ultimate host, who knew everyone's name, treated everyone as a celebrity, and made Caffe Abbracci the go-to restaurant in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** Nino was a loving and dedicated father to daughters Tatiana and Katerina; he was committed to his family, friends, and staff. He leaves behind an outstanding legacy of friendship, hospitality, and service to his community where he gave of his time and talent to organizations such as the Jackson Memorial Hospital Foundation; and he had an unwavering dedication, commitment, and mentorship to his staff – many who worked with him for decades; and

**WHEREAS,** it is altogether fitting and proper that the City of Coral Gables pay homage to Nino Pernetti, on his untimely demise, May 31, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family on the occasion of their great loss.

*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-eighth day of June A.D., 2022.* 

## Vince Lago Mayor

Michael Mena Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr. Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez Commissioner