

WHEREAS, the residents of Coral Gables recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic activities play in maintaining good physical and mental health and enhancing the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Coral Gables understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables is aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, National Drowning Prevention Alliance, the National Recreation & Park Association, the World Waterpark Association, the American Red Cross and Jeff Ellis & Associates in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing healthy places to recreate, which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Coral Gables recognize the ongoing efforts of the Venetian Pool Lifeguards and the Venetian Aquatic Club Volunteers who have dedicated 64 years to the prevention and elimination of drowning and other catastrophic aquatic events, and to further educate the public on pool and spa safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Coral Gables understand the vital importance of communicating Water Safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to the City's very own Venetian Pool; and

WHEREAS, the Venetian Pool and its Lifeguard Staff were awarded the prestigious Gold International Aquatic Safety Award, presented to only the top twenty percent in the world by Jeff Ellis & Associates for consistently exceeding their criteria in aquatic safety and offering the highest degree of swimmer protection; and

WHEREAS, the Venetian Pool Lifeguard Staff performed a total of 58 active water rescues last year each of which resulted in the prevention of a possible drowning.

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

“NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH IN CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I hereby urge residents of Coral Gables to do their part in the prevention of drownings and to take advantage of the city's Learn to Swim program at the Venetian Pool.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Coral Gables to be affixed on this twenty-third day of May A. D., 2023.

Vince LAGO
Mayor

Rhonda Anderson
Vice Mayor

Melissa Castro
Commissioner

Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner

Kirk Menendez
Commissioner