

# Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is celebrated annually, in April, to help increase awareness about the importance of the environment and the conservation of our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, we must face global challenges as we work to protect our environment and preserve natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, all people, regardless of race, gender, or status, have the right to a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City through its Sustainability Management Plan has set goals of a 20% reduction in energy, water, fuel, and greenhouse gas emissions by 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has added 65 electric vehicles to its City Fleet and installed over 36 charging points on City properties, reduced City facilities energy consumption by over 23% per square foot through the conversion to LED lighting and HVAC upgrades; achieved LEED Silver Certification for the Police and Fire Headquarters and Trolley Maintenance Facility; advanced the “Keep Coral Gables Beautiful” Program focused on litter prevention and recycling; expanded the trolley and Freebee service; implemented water quality programs/initiatives focused on improving the health of Biscayne Bay; and held 13 recycling drive-thru events that have diverted over 328,000 pounds of electronic, household hazardous waste, paper and clothing from potentially ending up in landfills or the environment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO**, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim April, 2022 as:

### **“EARTH MONTH IN CORAL GABLES”**

**IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF**, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, hereby encourages its residents, businesses, and visitors to use Earth Month to think about environmental preservation and inspire everyone to take action to reduce their impact on the environment and to create a more sustainable and resilient City Beautiful for current and future generations.

**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-ninth day of March, A. D., 2022.

**Vince LAGO**  
Mayor

**Michael Mena**  
Vice Mayor

**Rhonda Anderson**  
Commissioner

**Jorge L. Fors, Jr.**  
Commissioner

**Krik R. Menendez**  
Commissioner