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, the planet now faces enormous challenges such as climate change and sea level rise, food and water shortages and environmental degradation, to name a few; and

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

WHEREAS, progress can be made on a local level through education/outreach efforts and that can lead to changes in behavior and public policy; and

WHEREAS, this year's Earth Day theme is "to protect threatened and endangered species," essentially reminding us that all living things have an intrinsic value, and each play a unique role in the complex web of life, and we must work together to protect endangered and threatened species;" and

WHEREAS, the City prides itself in caring for our planet by protecting our waterways and marine life, thus reducing pollution, eliminating single-use plastics, water efficiency upgrades, increased recycling efforts, and the like;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2019 as:

"EARTH DAY IN CORAL GABLES"

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, let it be known that the City of Coral Gables, hereby encourages its residents, businesses, and visitors to use Earth Day to think about environmental preservation and inspire others to act to reduce the impact on the environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal 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