

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, “Australia Day” is the official national day of Australia. Celebrated annually on January 26, it marks the anniversary of the 1788 arrival of the first fleet of British ships at Port Jackson, New South Wales, and the raising of the Flag of Great Britain at Sydney Cove by Governor Arthur Phillip; and

WHEREAS, the meaning and significance of “Australia Day” has evolved over time into present-day, whereby celebrations reflect the diverse society and landscape of the nation which is marked by community and family events, reflections of Australian history, official community awards and citizenship ceremonies welcoming new members of the Australian community; and

WHEREAS, “Australia Day” in addition to being an official public holiday in every state and territory it also comprises of presentations of the Australian of the Year Awards on “Australia Day” Eve, announcement of the “Australia Day” Honors list and addresses from the Governor-General and the Prime Minister, community festivals, concerts and citizenship ceremonies. The day is also celebrated in large and small communities and cities around the nation and has become the biggest annual civic event in Australia; and

WHEREAS, this national day provides an opportunity to acknowledge and learn about the nation's past. It is also a time to reflect on and learn about Australia’s national journey including its ongoing history, traditions and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that we celebrate “Australia Day” here in the City Beautiful, as the home of the honorary Australian Consulate, and Australian owned eateries such as Threefold Café and Bay 13 Brewery and Kitchen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2021 as:

“AUSTRALIA DAY 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 and visitors alike, to experience “Australia Day” in Coral Gables, with music, cricket, some amazing food, and overall fun, all aimed at showcasing Australian history and hospitality.

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-sixth day of January December, A. D., 2021.

Raul Valdes-Fauli
Mayor

Vince Lago
Vice Mayor

Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Commissioner

Patricia Keon
Commissioner

Michael Mena
Commissioner