

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables takes pride in recognizing those that provide public service, and who enrich the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, what has been the long and prestigious tradition of the Societa Dante Alighieri, said organization was founded in Rome in 1889, and created to serve the interests of Italy and those Italians residing in our city, thus with the support of former Coral Gables Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli and Consul General of Italy Marco Rocca, the first office opened in the historic Douglas Entrance building in our City Beautiful; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Dante Alighieri Society is to "promote the study of the Italian language and culture throughout the world...a purpose independent of political ideologies, national or ethnic origins or religious beliefs, and that the Society is the free association of people – not just Italians – but all people everywhere who are united by their love for the Italian languages and culture and the spirit of universal humanism that these represent;" and

WHEREAS, the Societa Dante Alighieri has demonstrated its commitment toward the City of Coral Gables through its involvement and support in a myriad of successful cultural events and Italian language programs, and as the presence of Italy has grown in our community, the institution has flourished concomitantly with said growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, and on behalf of the members of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2021 as:

“SOCIETA DANTE ALIGHIERI DAY IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I call upon the citizens of our “City Beautiful” to join me in recognizing and congratulating all of those individuals who are associated with Societa Dante Alighieri, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, and in wishing them the very best in all of their future endeavors, especially as the institution continues to grow and accommodate people ranging from all ages, nationalities, and religions, to share their love for Italy, its beauty and traditions.

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-third day of March, A.D., 2021.

Raul Valdes-Fauli
Mayor

Vince Lago
Vice Mayor

Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Commissioner

Patricia Keon
Commissioner

Michael Mena
Commissioner