

Office of the Mayor

The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, years of investment in crime victims' rights and services have developed a system of victim response that can help victims recover from crime, thereby reaching and serving all victims of crime, which is essential in supporting thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, dedicated victim service providers work every day to meet the needs of crime victims, yet there are still way too many victims without meaningful access to rights and services; and

WHEREAS, we must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link them to the appropriate resources that can help them recover; and

WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

WHEREAS, "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" provides an opportunity to recommit ensuring that all victims of crime—especially those who are challenging to reach or serve—are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

WHEREAS, this year's NCVRW theme—"How Would You Help"—celebrates options, services, and hope for crime survivors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables is dedicated to strengthening those victims and survivors in the aftermath of a crime, and in the furtherance of building resilience in our communities and amongst our victim responders in working for justice for all victims and survivors;

NOW, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proudly proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2024 as:

"NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN CORAL GABLES"

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I call upon the residents of our "City Beautiful" to reaffirm our commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" and throughout the year, and express our heartfelt appreciation for those victims and crime survivors everywhere, who have turned personal tragedy into a triumph, thereby creating a positive motivating force aimed at improving our response time on behalf of victims of crime and in the furtherance of a more just community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this sixteenth day of April, A.D., 2024.

Vince Lago
Mayor

Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner

Melissa Castro
Commissioner

Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner

Kirk Menendez
Commissioner