

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, for over thirty-two years, Deputy Fire Chief Dean James has been proudly serving the Coral Gables community as a member of the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief James rose through the ranks in the Fire Department on February 5, 1990, as a Firefighter, moving on to Lieutenant, Captain, Division Chief, and lastly serving in his current position as the Department's Deputy Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief James is one of the original members of the Coral Gables Special Response Team, which specialized in victim extrication from motor vehicular accidents; in which he has served for more than ten years, representing the City of Coral Gables in several competitions throughout the United States and the world, where he won numerous competitions and set the standard for vehicular extrication; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief James' commitment to excellence motivated him to serve as an Officer in the Professional Standards Division, where he instructed three Firefighter recruit classes as well as played an integral role in establishing the Coral Gables Fire Department Rapid Intervention Team program. This specialized training provides the direction needed to rescue trapped Firefighters in a structure fire; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief James' passion and commitment to his community goes beyond the "City Beautiful," serving this country as a United States Army Reservist for six years, only surpassed by his love for his family. There is no greater role for Deputy Chief James than that of husband to his beloved wife Hilda of 31 years, father to seven amazing children, and grandfather to two sweet grandchildren with two more on the way; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that we gather today to honor Deputy Fire Chief James Dean's upon his much-deserved retirement, in grateful recognition of his stellar career.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2022 as:

"DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF DEAN JAMES 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 to acknowledge and congratulate Deputy Fire Chief Dean James on a remarkable career with the Coral Gables Fire Department and wish him much continued success in all his future endeavors.

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-eighth day of June, A. D., 2022.

Vince Lago
Mayor

Michael Mena
Vice Mayor

Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner

Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Commissioner

Kirk R. Menendez
Commissioner