

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year marks the twenty-ninth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was enacted in 1990; the City of Coral Gables affirms its commitment - through its cooperative efforts to protect individuals from discrimination, and supports the continued efforts of our business organizations and educational institutions to encourage and enable our disabled citizens to live and work with dignity and freedom, in furtherance of the economic well-being of our nation; and

WHEREAS, as early as 1945, the United States Congress enacted Public Law 176, designating the first week of October as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," thereby initiating the protection of the rights of disabled Americans to become a viable component of the United States workforce; and

WHEREAS, each year thereafter, this nation has been called upon to highlight the abilities and skills of Americans with disabilities, by recognizing their invaluable contributions - particularly since 1988 - when the month of October was named the "National Disability Employment Awareness Month;" and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs urges our residents to join them in this annual nationwide campaign to recognize the needs and rights of all individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables and on behalf of the City Commission and its citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 as:

"AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES MONTH IN CORAL GABLES"

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I ask the citizens of the City of Coral Gables to join me, together with the National Organization on Disability, and the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs to support this important quest on behalf of all disabled citizens.

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 eighth day of October, A.D., 2019.

Raul Valdes-Fauli
Mayor

Vince Lago
Vice Mayor

Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner

Patricia Keon
Commissioner

Michael Mena
Commissioner