

**WHEREAS**, since May 1948 and every year thereafter, the Independence of Israel, or Yom Ha'atzmaut, is commemorated in the United States, and recognized in the City of Coral Gables as well; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables acknowledges significant milestones and events of historical importance, therefore, we proudly join the Jewish people and communities to celebrate the sovereign state of Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables is a diverse community, which includes a vibrant Jewish population that shares a wonderful cultural heritage, which is built upon friendship and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the “City Beautiful” welcomes events and celebrations which promotes the understanding of such different cultures, and the celebration of Israel’s Independence provides an excellent means by which all residents can appreciate the history and legacy of the Jewish people;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO**, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2024 as:

**“ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY IN CORAL GABLES”**

**IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF**, I call upon all the residents of the City of Coral Gables, to join me in honoring this important day in Israel’s history on which they gained their independence over seven decades ago.

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

*Vince Lago*  
**Mayor**

**Rhonda Anderson**  
Vice Mayor

**Melissa Castro**  
Commissioner

**Ariel Fernandez**  
Commissioner

**Kirk R. Menendez**  
Commissioner