

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ESTABLISHING THE CAVALIERS FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM, A SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE RISING JUNIORS AND SENIORS OF CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO THE INNER WORKINGS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the importance of providing youth within the community with educational opportunities and real-world work experience during the summer months when school is not in session; and

WHEREAS, introducing students to local government at an early age will likely result in a deeper appreciation for the work of cities and result in an individual becoming a more engaged and well-informed citizen in adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables and Coral Gables Senior High School have enjoyed a history of cooperation and support for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Coral Gables Senior High School, its alumni and the “Cavalier Nation” have always been a source of achievement, pride and support for our City Beautiful; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to engage partners such as Coral Gables Senior High School, Miami-Dade County Public School District, the Coral Gables Community Foundation, the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, and the Coral Gables School and Community Relations Committee in the development and/or implementation of the Cavaliers Future Leaders Program (“Program”); and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for the Program, a student must be a rising junior or senior at Coral Gables Senior High School, have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, furnish three (3) letters of recommendation two of which must be from a teacher, administrator, counselor, or coach at the school, submit an essay of at least 1000 words discussing his or her college and career goals and reasons for wanting to intern with the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager or designee shall establish a selection process to determine the best candidates for the Program, which will include, if feasible, the Coral Gables Senior High School Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, the Commission intends for Program participants to obtain a robust working knowledge of city administration through working with the City Manager’s Office, the City Attorney’s Office, City departments, and participating in meetings; and

WHEREAS, Program participants will have the opportunity to be involved in Commission Agenda briefings with members of the City Commission, participate in meetings concerning the City’s budget, capital improvement projects, and state and federal legislative affairs as well as learn how to draft resolutions and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Program participants will be the guests of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce at one of the Chamber’s Board of Director meetings and luncheons to help Program participants forge relationships with the City’s business community; and

WHEREAS, upon successful completion of the Program each student will receive a \$500 scholarship check, a Certificate of Completion and a letter of recommendation signed by the Mayor on official City of Coral Gables letterhead;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of Coral Gables hereby establishes the Cavaliers Leadership Program and directs the City Manager to implement the Program consistent with the intent of this resolution.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY