WHEREAS, in 1958 President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1<sup>st</sup> as "Law Day"; and

WHEREAS, an annual theme is chosen every year to spotlight a particular aspect of law or the legal process and its impact on our daily lives. The 2024 Law Day theme "Voices of Democracy" recognizes that in democracies, the people rule. For nearly 250 years, Americans have expressed their political views and wishes by speaking their minds and voting in elections. In 2024, the United States will hold its 60th presidential election, and Americans will address fundamental questions about democracy and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Bar Association in collaboration with the City of Coral Gables is celebrating this day by hosting the students of Ponce de Leon Middle School to observe the process of municipal legislation, in order to foster their understanding of the rule of law, while observing our elected officials collaborate with each other and the public in order to carry out our system of democracy;

**NOW, I, VINCE LAGO,** as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proudly proclaim May 1, 2024 as:

## "LAW DAY IN CORAL GABLES"

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I hereby urge everyone to observe this day by renewing their commitment to work toward achieving a more perfect Union that strengthens our democracy, defends liberty, and pursues justice.

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