

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated annually, in April, to help increase awareness about the importance of the environment and the conservation of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, we must face global challenges as we work to protect our environment and preserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, or income, have the right to a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, progress can be made on a local level through education/outreach efforts, that can lead to changes in behavior and public policy; and

WHEREAS, the City through its Sustainability Management Plan has set goals of a 20% reduction in energy, water, fuel, and greenhouse gas emissions by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City has added 65 electric vehicles to the City Fleet, reduced its city facility and street light energy consumption by 14% through the conversion to LED lighting and HVAC upgrades, created the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program focused on litter prevention and recycling, expanded trolley and Freebie service; implemented a number of water quality programs/initiatives focused on improving the health of Biscayne Bay, certified 7 local businesses under the Green Business Certification Program, and held 11 household hazardous waste collection events that have diverted over 260,000 pounds of electronic, household hazardous waste and paper from potentially ending in landfills or elsewhere in our environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim April, 2021 as:

“EARTH MONTH 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 and businesses alike, to use Earth Month to think about environmental preservation and inspire everyone to take action to reduce their impact on the environment and create a more sustainable and resilient “City Beautiful”.

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-third day of March, A. D., 2021.

Raul Valdes-Fauli
Mayor

Vince Lago
Vice Mayor

Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Commissioner

Patricia Keon
Commissioner

Michael Mena
Commissioner