



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
January 11, 2022

**ITEM TITLE:**

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 1, “general provisions”, Section 1-2, “definitions and rules of construction” by designating Juneteenth, June 19<sup>th</sup> as an official city holiday; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and an effective date.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

The City Commission of Coral Gables desires to provide a definition for holiday in order to maintain consistency in the City Code. The other applicable sections of the City Code define holiday to include those days recognized as a holiday by the City. June 19<sup>th</sup> is recognized as Juneteenth, the day that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth has long been an important holiday in the African American community, as a time for celebration rather than mourning and remembrance. Juneteenth has been designated a federal holiday and a Miami-Dade County holiday. The City Commission wishes to designate June 19<sup>th</sup> as an official city holiday for all employees.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. **Ordinance**