

WHEREAS, America Recycles Day is celebrated annually on November 15th to help increase awareness about the importance of recycling and the conservation of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables continues to take steps and create programs aimed at decreasing litter and increasing recycling efforts through the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program, which over the last three years has hosted 122 events with around 17,000 participants/volunteers and have collected over 604,000 pounds of litter/debris; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the City's Sustainability Advisory Board, Keep Coral Gables Beautiful also hosts the bi-annual Recycling Drive-Thru events in April and November which since 2016 has diverted over 436,000 pounds of hazardous and e-waste, paper and clothing from entering a landfill or potentially our environment; and

WHEREAS, on December 2022, the City launched the Business Recycling Drive-Thru, with 32 participants. This initiative efficiently collected 878 pounds of e-waste and 2,500 pounds of paper, advancing sustainability and responsible waste disposal efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City was the first municipality in 2016 in Miami-Dade County to implement a prescription drug disposal program and in 2021 to launch a year-round battery recycling program for its residents, businesses, employees, and visitors which to date has collected over 2,000 pounds for proper recycling; and

WHEREAS, the City will further its commitment to reducing e-waste by expanding the battery recycling program on November 15th, featuring a new collection bin at the Adult Activity Center where residents and visitors can conveniently recycle their batteries; and

WHEREAS, the City also continues to maintain a below 8% contamination rate in its single family residential recycling program through continued education/awareness; and

WHEREAS, the City collected and offset over 16,000 plastic bottles and aluminum cans through the Reverse Vending Machine Rewards Incentive Pilot Program, launched by the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful program in November 2022, funded by the Florida Beverage Association and American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2023 as:

“AMERICA RECYCLES DAY IN CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, the City of Coral Gables, encourages its residents, businesses, employees and visitors to use America Recycles Day to think about ways in which they can reduce, reuse, refuse, recycle and inspire others to take action to reduce their impact on the environment by taking the #BeRecycled Pledge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this fourteenth day of November, A.D., 2023.

Vince LAGO
Mayor

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Vice Mayor

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