

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, baseball is heralded and honored as America's National Pastime; and

WHEREAS, former Major League Baseball Commissioner, A. Bartlett Giamatti, once said, "This is the last pure place where Americans dream. This is the last great arena, the last green arena, where everybody can learn lessons of life"; and

WHEREAS, Opening Day is a pride-filled occasion for communities to support their hometown Major League Baseball team celebrate the beginning of a new baseball season, while families and neighbors come together for memorable bonding experiences; and

WHEREAS, twelve US Presidents have thrown the ceremonial first pitch on Opening Day since 1910; and

WHEREAS, Opening Day is celebrated by local civic, business and community leaders – as well as the organizations they represent – who attend and encourage their local team and support the business of baseball; and

WHEREAS, Opening Day is a celebration of diversity and provides a sense of belonging to something greater than oneself; and, baseball and softball teach our youth valuable life lessons of teamwork, perseverance, leadership and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, on April 5th, 1993, the Marlins celebrated their first ever franchise Opening Day with a victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Marlins will celebrate Opening Day on March 26th, 2020, when they play the Philadelphia Phillies at Marlins Park; and

WHEREAS, supporting our local Major League Baseball team is an important call to action for all the residents of Coral Gables and of Miami-Dade County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2020 as:

“MIAMI MARLINS OPENING DAY IN CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, call upon the residents of the “City Beautiful” to join me in celebrating Major League Baseball and the Miami Marlins on this auspicious occasion.

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 tenth day of March, A. D., 2020.

Raul Valdes-Fauli
Mayor

Vince Lago
Vice Mayor

Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Commissioner

Patricia Keon
Commissioner

Michael Mena
Commissioner