

Office of the Mayor
The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, or income, have the right to a healthy environment; 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 two year has hosted 57 events with around 12,000 participants/volunteers and have collected over 247,000 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 400,000 pounds of hazardous and electronic waste, paper and clothing from entering a landfill or potentially our environment; and

WHEREAS, the City also continues to lead on issues related to expanded polystyrene and single use plastics and was the first municipality in 2016 in Miami-Dade County to implement a prescription drug disposal program and in 2021 launch a year round battery recycling program for its residents, businesses, employees, and visitors which to date has collected over 1,000 pounds for proper recycling; and

WHEREAS, the City also continues to maintain a below 10% contamination rate in its single family residential recycling program through continued education/awareness; and

WHEREAS, Keep Coral Gables Beautiful will be launching a Reverse Vending Machine Rewards Incentive Pilot Program in November 2022. This program will aim to reward Coral Gables residents and visitors for recycling their empty aluminum and plastic containers at the War Memorial Youth Center and is made possible through a Florida Beverage Association and American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America grant; and

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, 2022 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 ninth day of November, A.D., 2022.

Vince Lago
Mayor

Michael Mena
Vice Mayor

Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner

Ronda Anderson
Commissioner

Kirk Menendez
Commissioner