

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th each year. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, to cover the month at which it is celebrated today. Understanding that September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively; and

WHEREAS, during “Hispanic Heritage Month,” we recognize the commitment to family, faith, hard work, profound influence, contributions made, and the overall important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and rich culture; and

WHEREAS, during Hispanic Heritage Month, we take the opportunity to honor all Americans of Hispanic descent and to acknowledge their past and ongoing contributions to the success and growth of our Nation. Hispanic Americans are the largest minority group in the United States today, and generations of Hispanic Americans have consistently helped make our country strong and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme of “Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America” resonates deeply here at the City of Coral Gables, where we are driven by our belief in the power of higher education to create pathways to those aspirations. During this and every month, we have so many opportunities to celebrate the art, history, stories, language, culture and myriad other achievements;

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

“HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, we ask the residents of our “City Beautiful” to share in this special annual tribute as we highlight the rich heritage, arts, histories, food, music and traditions of all 26+ Latin-American nations. This acknowledgement that these nations are not monogamous, and this month celebrates, honors and pays tribute to all for their contributions to our “City Beautiful”.

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

Vince Lago
Mayor

Rhonda Anderson
Vice Mayor

Melissa Castro
Commissioner

Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner

Kirk R. Menendez
Commissioner