

*Office of the Mayor  
The City of Coral Gables*

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*Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, small business owners embody the spirit of entrepreneurship and strong work ethic that is the heart of the American dream, and they are the backbone of our nation's economy, as they employ tens of millions of workers; and*

*WHEREAS, "Small Business Saturday" is a national initiative which annually designates a day to support those local businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around our country; and*

*WHEREAS, "Small Business Saturday" is an annual event produced by our Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and encourages people to "Buy Local" and drive shoppers toward local, independently owned merchants; and*

*WHEREAS, "Small Business Saturday" is of great importance, especially this year, as we collectively recover from an unprecedented pandemic which has impacted all small businesses; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables wants to show its support for its small business community and recognize the important role they play in our local economy;*

*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 27, 2021 as:*

***"SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN CORAL GABLES"***

*IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I urge all of the citizens of our City Beautiful to join me in recognizing the contributions that our small businesses have made to our local economic development and reaffirm our support for small businesses by shopping local.*

*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., 2021.*

***Vince Lago  
Mayor***

***Michael Mena  
Vice Mayor***

***Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner***

***Jorge Fors, Jr.  
Commissioner***

***Kirk R. Menendez  
Commissioner***