

Office of the Mayor  
The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

*WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of elevating a community's quality of life, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contribute to the economic and environmental well-being of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, parks and recreation services, programs and open spaces have proven to be essential to our community during a pandemic; and*

*WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and*

*WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community by improving water quality, protecting groundwater, preventing flooding, improving the quality of the air we breathe, providing vegetative buffers to development, and by producing natural habitats for wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month and the City of Coral Gables recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2021 as:*

**“PARK AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES”**

*IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I hereby encourage the residents of our “City Beautiful” to visit one of our sixty-two recreational facilities, neighborhood parks and open spaces.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this thirteenth day of July, A.D., 2021.*

Vince LAGO  
Mayor

Michael Mena  
Vice Mayor

Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner

Jorge L. Fors, Jr.  
Commissioner

Kirk R. Menendez  
Commissioner