

Office of the Mayor
The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the University of Miami is one of the City of Coral Gables' greatest assets and our residents benefit when a groundbreaking, inclusive course is created and taught on Universal Design, and;

WHEREAS, Steve Wright and Heidi Johnson-Wright are nationally known advocates for People with Disabilities by putting their expertise and experience into a one-of-a-kind course taught to graduate and undergraduate students at the prestigious University of Miami School of Architecture, and;

WHEREAS, Heidi Johnson-Wright, has used a wheelchair for mobility since her college years in the early 1980s, and has dedicated her entire career to public service for the past 20 years in the greater Miami area as an Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, and;

WHEREAS, Steve Wright is an award-winning journalist who spent nearly a decade in public service and has lectured on Universal Design, Inclusive Mobility and Accommodations for People with Disabilities at the American Planning Association national conference and the International Making Cities Livable global conference this year, and;

WHEREAS, their UMSOA class site visit focused entirely on Miracle Mile and its wide sidewalks, safe crosswalks, textbook curb ramps and other examples of design for the dignity of all people of all ages and abilities, and;

WHEREAS, July marks the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a landmark federal civil rights protection for People with Disabilities, passed with bipartisan support in 1990;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim July 25, 2022:

“STEVE AND HEIDI JOHNSON-WRIGHT DAY IN CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I hereby urge the residents of our “City Beautiful” to recognize Steve Wright and Heidi Johnson-Wright for creating a one-of-a-kind Universal Design course that will prepare dozens of young architects and planners to design for equity and inclusion that accommodates people with disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this twenty-fifth day of July, A.D., 2022.

Vince LAGO
Mayor

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Vice Mayor

Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

