

**WHEREAS**, *International E-Waste Day is celebrated annually on October 14<sup>th</sup>; and*

**WHEREAS**, *this day is used to highlight the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources and the work being done to make the world a better place by adopting conscientious living habits that will improve our daily lives and bring about a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Coral Gables has undertaken many positive and successful waste reduction programs such as the 16 Recycling Drive-Thru events that have been hosted since 2016 where the City has collected over 190,000 pounds of e-waste; and*

**WHEREAS**, *an additional Recycling Drive-Thru annual event geared toward local Coral Gables businesses was established in 2022, allowing the business community to properly recycle their e-waste; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Coral Gables expanded those efforts to include additional e-waste recycling of over 45,000 pounds through an ongoing internal program with the IT Department; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Coral Gables through the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful program launched a battery recycling program in multiple City buildings in July 2021, and has safely recycled over 2,000 pounds of batteries; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Coral Gables encourages all its residents to become involved in the different e-waste recycling programs and events offered by the city and learn more about the many recourses available; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the City of Coral Gables celebrates International E-Waste Day to help ensure a safe and healthy environment and an improved quality of life for present and future generations;*

**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 14, 2023 as:*

## **“E-WASTE DAY IN CORAL GABLES”**

**IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF**, *I encourage the citizens, city government officials, and employees of the “City Beautiful” to join me in participating in celebrating “E-Waste Day”*

**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**