

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING PATRIOT DAY AS AN OFFICIAL CITY DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS", SECTION 1-2, "DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION" OF THE CITY CODE TO DESIGNATE PATRIOT DAY AS AN OFFICIAL CITY HOLIDAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, September 11th was recognized by the United States House of Representatives as a national day of mourning on October 25, 2001; and

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001, the United States Congress has designated September 11th of each year as "Patriot Day," and in 2009, Congress requested the observance of September 11th as an annually recognized "National Day of Service and Remembrance;" and

WHEREAS, since then, the federal government has recognized the anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks in various ways; from 2009-2016 President Obama proclaimed September 11th as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, from 2017-2020, President Trump proclaimed September 8-10 as National Days of Prayer and Remembrance and proclaimed September 11th as Patriot Day, and since 2021, President Biden has annually issued proclamations for Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the attacks on September 11th, 2001, the City Commission wishes to designate Patriot Day as an official day of remembrance and include Patriot Day as an official City Holiday in the City Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1, “General Provisions”, Section 1-2, “Definitions and Rules of Construction” of the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida is hereby amended as follows¹:

Sec. 1-2 Definitions and Rules of Construction

Holiday. Any holiday that is recognized by the city, including, but not limited to, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Any such holiday that falls on a Saturday and Sunday shall be observed as designated by the city.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall apply to employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement upon agreement of the bargaining representative for each respective bargaining unit.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. If any section, part of section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the City Code and that the sections of this “ordinance” may be changed to “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 7. If the City Code Table of Contents or other reference portion is affected by these provisions, then changes are approved as a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D. 2024.

APPROVED:

¹ Deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~. Insertions are indicated by underline.

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MAYOR

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