## Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables has experienced severe weather in the past in the form of extreme rainfall or tropical system events resulting in localized flooding, and this flooding has caused damages to homes and buildings in high-risk special flood hazard areas or low to moderate risk flood zones; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Coral Gables is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance premium rates as well as setting higher regulatory standards to reduce the flood risk and potential flood damage to their property; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of loss of life and property damage can be achieved when appropriate flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures are taken before a flood; and

**WHEREAS,** public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection are critical to the health, safety and welfare of residents, the Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA), have declared the week of March 7-13, 2022, as Flood Awareness Week to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risk, the availability of flood insurance, flood protection methods, and how to prepare for emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of March 7 -13, 2022:

## "FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK IN CORAL GABLES"

**IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF,** I do hereby strongly encourage the citizens of Coral Gables to increase their knowledge of how to protect themselves and their property from flooding.

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

Vince Lago

Mayor

Michael Mena Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr. Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez Commissioner