

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001, is a date that holds profound significance for the people of the United States, representing a day of immeasurable loss, resilience, and unity following the tragic terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, these attacks resulted in the loss of nearly 3,000 lives and caused immense suffering to families, communities, and the nation, marking it as a day of national mourning and reflection; and

WHEREAS, the aftermath of September 11th saw an unparalleled display of national solidarity and a commitment to justice as the United States sought to right the wrongs committed by the attack’s perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, designating September 11th as a holiday would serve to honor the memory of those who were killed, acknowledge the bravery and sacrifices of the first responders, and provide an opportunity for citizens to collectively reflect on a day that affected the entire country; and

WHEREAS, such a designation would also ensure that future generations understand the significance of this day in American history and continue to be inspired by the strength and determination demonstrated in the wake of its tragedy; and

WHEREAS, on September 10th, 2024, the City Commission of Coral Gables adopted an ordinance on first reading designating September 11th as “Patriot’s Day” and a city holiday; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Coral Gables believes that recognizing September 11th as a national holiday would be a fitting tribute to the victims, their families, and the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION 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 Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission urges the United States Congress to adequately memorialize September 11th by designating it as a national holiday.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission directs city staff to attach the Patriot’s Day draft Ordinance passed on first reading to this Resolution.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2024.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fernandez)

(Yeas: Anderson, Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

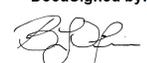
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