

*Office of the Mayor*  
*The City of Coral Gables*

*Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, America Recycles Day is celebrated annually on November 15 to help increase awareness about the importance of recycling and the conservation of our natural resources; and*

*WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, or income, have the right to a healthy environment; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables continues to take steps and create programs aimed at decreasing litter and increasing recycling efforts through the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program, which over the last year has hosted thirteen events with over 5,000 participants and have collected over 216,000 pounds of debris; and*

*WHEREAS, in partnership with the City's Sustainability Advisory Board, Keep Coral Gables Beautiful also hosts the bi-annual Recycling Drive-Thru events in April and November which since 2016 has diverted over 290,000 pounds of hazardous and electronic waste and paper from entering a landfill or potentially our environment; and*

*WHEREAS, the City also continues to lead on issues related to expanded polystyrene and single use plastics and was the first municipality in Miami-Dade County to implement a prescription drug disposal program and more recently a battery recycling program for its residents, businesses, employees, and visitors; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2021 as:*

***“America Recycles Day in Coral Gables”***

*IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, the City of Coral Gables, encourages its residents, businesses, employees and visitors to use America Recycles Day to think about ways in which they can reduce, reuse, recycle and inspire others to take action to reduce their impact on the environment by taking the #BeRecycled Pledge.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this ninth day of November, A.D., 2021.*

*Vince LAGO*  
*Mayor*

*Michael Mena*  
*Vice Mayor*

*Jorge Fors, Jr.*  
*Commissioner*

*Ronda Anderson*  
*Commissioner*

*Kirk Menendez*  
*Commissioner*