

*Office of the Mayor
The City of Coral Gables*

*Certificate of Recognition
Ray Corral & Alina Meledina*

WHEREAS, what started as a gesture of love and hope for Alina, the planting of beautiful orchids on oak trees, marking a new beginning as they moved into their new home on Country Club Prado, eventually took on a new life; and

WHEREAS, when a neighbor on Country Club Prado took notice of the newly planted orchids, Ray and Alina took it upon themselves to surprise them by planting some lovely orchids on their trees as well; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the orchids were stolen, but that did not deter Ray and Alina from replacing them, except this time they planted orchids for more than six homes which brought the community together for walkers, runners and drivers alike to enjoy during a challenging past year; and

WHEREAS, it is Ray and Alina's vision to have Country Club Prado be an oasis of orchids, by continuing their donation and planting of orchids, and using the orchids as a catalyst to bring together a community of neighbors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, and on behalf of the City Commission, wish to express our sincere gratitude to Ray Corral and Alina Meledina, in recognition of their love for our "City Beautiful."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Coral Gables to be affixed this twenty-third day of March, A.D., 2021.

*Raul Valdes-Fauli
Mayor*

*Vince Lago
Vice Mayor*

*Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
Commissioner*

*Patricia Keon
Commissioner*

*Michael Mena
Commissioner*