

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-126**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
ESTABLISHING A “TREE OF THE YEAR” PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables is a Tree City USA designated municipality, in which the City demonstrates dedication to and support for its trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board of the City of Coral Gables unanimously voted to approve the “Tree of the Year” program on May 9, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission seeks to educate residents and promote awareness of the importance of trees through an annual competition entitled “Tree of the Year” program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**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.** The City Commission directs staff to develop a “Tree of the Year” program, as follows:

- a. The City shall advertise the “Tree of the Year” program on its website and social media.
- b. Coral Gables residents shall nominate their favorite trees in Coral Gables by filling out an official form on the City’s website that may include, but is not limited to, the nominee’s name for the tree, species (if known), location, coordinates (if known), date seeded or planted (if known), description, and photo. The deadline for entries is March 1.
- c. The form shall request the resident’s reason for nomination in 250 words or less, for example, its environmental, scientific, or historical importance, personal memories, survival from storm or threat of being felled, age, family tradition, or beauty.
- d. The nominated tree shall be located in the City of Coral Gables in a park, school, street swale, residential front yard, or any other area readily viewed by the public.
- e. The Landscape Beautification Advisory Board shall select the winning tree, which will be announced on Arbor Day, the fourth Friday in April.
- f. It is the intent of the City Commission to direct the Assistant Director of Public Works / Greenspace Management Division to host the “Tree of the Year” program annually.
- g. The resident(s) nominating the winning tree will be invited to a City Commission meeting for recognition by the Mayor and Vice Mayor

h. The winning tree shall be recognized by posting its information on the City website and social media.

i. The winning tree, upon approval of the homeowner, would have a “Tree of the Year” yard sign placed in the yard for sixty (60) days.

j. The winning tree shall not be granted any regulatory protection.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2024.

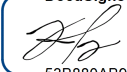
(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fernandez)

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

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

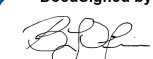
(Agenda Item: F-12)

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