

*Office of the Mayor
The City of Coral Gables*

Proclamation

WHEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in them; and

WHEREAS, there is hope for winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of organizations such as the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League, to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, governments and community leaders alike, know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol commemorating the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, who was murdered while serving in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, the "Red Ribbon Campaign" was established by Congress in 1988, to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2019 as:

"NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK IN CORAL GABLES"

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I encourage the citizens of the "City Beautiful" to join me in the observance of such an important cause, and urge them to come together as a community to teach our children the dangers of drugs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this twenty-second day of October, A.D., 2019.

*Raul Valdes-Fauli
Mayor*

*Vince Lago
Vice Mayor*

*Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner*

*Patricia Keon
Commissioner*

*Michael Mena
Commissioner*