

Office of the Mayor  
The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

*WHEREAS, National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about donation, encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation; and*

*WHEREAS, for National Donate Life Month (NDLM) 2022, Donate Life America was inspired by the vital role that bees play in sustaining life. Bees are a small but powerful life force, working together with dedication, collaboration and a strong sense of community; and*

*WHEREAS, the need for organ donation is great, with more than 100,000 people waiting for lifesaving organ transplants; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 41,000 organ transplants from 20,300 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2021 alone; and*

*WHEREAS, when you register to be a donor, you can be saving up to eight lives, restore sight to two people through cornea donation, and heal more than seventy-five lives through tissue donation;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as:*

**“NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH IN CORAL GABLES”**

*IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I hereby encourage the residents of our “City Beautiful” to be a part of the interconnected life-sustaining community by registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor; becoming educated about living donation; and championing the Donate Life cause..*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this twelfth day of April, A.D., 2022.*

Vince LAGO  
Mayor

Michael Mena  
Vice Mayor

Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner

Jorge L. Fors, Jr.  
Commissioner

Kirk R. Menendez  
Commissioner