

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, our Founding Fathers ordained, established, and signed the Constitution of the United States, a unique and priceless document, which has afforded the people of our great nation with certain privileges, inalienable rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, because it is of the utmost importance that all citizens understand the provisions and principles embedded in this priceless document, our Constitution, in order to effectively support, preserve, and defend it against any and all unwarranted intrusions; that the independence, which is guaranteed to American citizens, whether by birth or naturalization, should be celebrated; and

WHEREAS, on this two hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary memorializing the signing of our Constitution, the Coral Gables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution - a society of women patriots dedicated to the preservation of this priceless heritage - proudly joins us as we celebrate "Constitution Week" - and this invaluable legacy left to us by our Founding Fathers, whose wisdom and remarkable vision made possible the creation and preservation of this historic document; and

WHEREAS, emphasizing citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution and encouraging the study of those historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in 1787, are only two of the reasons why the Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress in 1955 to set aside September 17-23 annually for the observance of "Constitution Week;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim the Week of September 17 through September 23, 2023 as:

"CONSTITUTION WEEK IN CORAL GABLES"

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I urge the citizens of Coral Gables – along with the Coral Gables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to join me in honoring our "Great Charter" "of liberty, as we pay homage to the Constitution of the United States of America and express our profound gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Coral Gables to be affixed on this thirteenth of September, A. D., 2023.

Vince LAGO
Mayor

Rhonda Anderson
Vice Mayor

Melissa Castro
Commissioner

Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner

Kirk R. Menendez
Commissioner