

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION ESTABLISHING THAT ON JANUARY 28TH OF EVERY YEAR, THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES SHALL PLACE A WREATH ON THE BUST OF JOSÉ MARTÍ AT FREEDOM PLAZA, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SANTILLANE AVENUE, EAST PONCE DE LEON BOULEVARD, AND GALIANO STREET, TO COMMEMORATE JOSÉ MARTÍ, HONOR HIS LEGACY, AND REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY.

WHEREAS, José Martí, a revered Cuban patriot, poet, and philosopher, dedicated his life to the fight for Cuban independence and the pursuit of universal liberty, justice, and equality; and

WHEREAS, José Martí's vision for human dignity and freedom transcends borders, inspiring generations of people worldwide to uphold these fundamental principles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables is home to a vibrant and deeply rooted Cuban-American community, whose contributions have enriched the city's cultural, economic, and social fabric; and

WHEREAS, Freedom Plaza in Coral Gables stands as a symbol of the city's unwavering support for democracy and human rights, and the bust of José Martí serves as a tribute to his enduring influence; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the City of Coral Gables to honor the legacy of José Martí annually on January 28th, his birthday, through the placement of a commemorative wreath at his bust in Freedom Plaza, as a testament to our respect for his beliefs and our connection to the ongoing struggle for liberty and justice;

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

SECTION 1. 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.

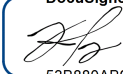
SECTION 2. The City of Coral Gables shall, on January 28th of each year, place a wreath on the bust of José Martí at Freedom Plaza, located at the intersection of Santillana Avenue, East Ponce de Leon Boulevard, and Galiano Street, to commemorate his legacy, honor his unwavering fight for liberty and justice, and recognize the Cuban-American community as an essential part of the city's heritage.

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

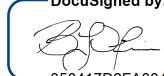
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2025.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Anderson)
(Yeas: Anderson, Castro, Fernandez, Menendez, Lago)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Non-Agenda Item)

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