

WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated annually, in April, to help increase awareness about the importance of the environment and the conservation of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, we must face global challenges as we work to protect our environment and preserve natural resources, as all people, regardless of race, gender, or income, have the right to a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the City through its Sustainability Management Plan has set goals of a 20% reduction in energy, water, fuel, and greenhouse gas emissions by 2025; and

WHEREAS, over the years the City has added 70 electric vehicles to the City Fleet and installed over 41 charging points on City properties, reduced its city facility energy consumption by over 14 percent through the conversion to LED lighting and HVAC upgrades, achieved LEED for Cities and Communities Gold Certification, was named 8th best City in the Country for ESG Investments, continued to grow the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful Program focused on litter prevention, beautification and recycling and held over 74 events and programs with over 12,000 participants, implemented water quality programs/initiatives focused on improving the health of Biscayne Bay, and held 15 recycling drive-thru events that have diverted over 393,000 pounds of electronic, household hazardous waste, paper and clothing from potentially ending up in the landfills or the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission do proclaim April 2023 as:

“EARTH MONTH IN CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I encourage the residents, businesses, and visitors to use Earth Month to think about environmental preservation and inspire everyone to take action to reduce their impact on the environment and create a more sustainable and resilient City Beautiful for current and future generations.

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 twenty-eighth day of March, A.D., 2023.

Vince Lago
Mayor

Michael Mena
Vice Mayor

Rhonda Anderson
Commissioner

Jim Cason
Commissioner

Kirk R. Menendez
Commissioner