

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on October 1962, Congress passed a new law designating May 15th of each year as **POLICE MEMORIAL DAY**, when the entire nation is called upon to pay homage to these dedicated men and women in the law enforcement field who have been killed in the line of duty; subsequently, funding was approved by the City of Coral Gables for the creation of a memorial display in our Police Department lobby honoring our city's fallen officers; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Coral Gables Police Department initiated a special memorial ceremony separate from the Miami Dade County ceremony held each year at Tropical Park, when the citizens of our community have the opportunity to honor the memory of those **Law Enforcement Officers** who have made the supreme sacrifice by giving their own lives while in the line of duty – and in furtherance of their commitment to keep others safe; and

WHEREAS, on this special day, the citizens of Coral Gables look forward to expressing their deep gratitude and appreciation to the following officers who gave their lives in the service of others;

Sergeant Francis Cyril Guest, December 25, 1928; Sergeant Homer Barton, June 5, 1938;
Constable Luther T. Hardison, February 17, 1951; Officer Billy Stephens, November 22, 1957;
Officer Walter Stathers, December 19, 1967; Officer Robert DeKorte, January 21, 1972;
Officer Luis Pena, April 2, 1978; Sergeant Alfred Terrinoni, October 12, 1980;
Officer Robert Bonnet, January 17, 1992

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD D. SLESNICK II, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables and on behalf of the City Commission and the citizens, do hereby proclaim the **Week of May 11th – 17th, 2008** as: **“POLICE APPRECIATION WEEK IN CORAL GABLES”** and in particular, the **15th Day of May, 2008**, as

“POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY IN CORAL GABLES”

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I call upon the citizens of **Coral Gables** to join me in observance of our continued appreciation of those **City's Police Officers** who make every possible sacrifice to ensure the well-being - and enhance the quality of life in the **“City Beautiful.”**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this Thirteenth **day of May, A. D., 2008**.

Donald D. Slesnick II
Mayor