

***WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of elevating a community's quality of life, ensuring the health of all, and contribute to the economic and environmental well-being of our community; and*

***WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, are critical to childhood development, provide therapeutic recreation services, and improve the physical and mental health of all; and*

***WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and*

***WHEREAS**, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community by improving water quality, protecting groundwater, preventing flooding, improving the quality of the air we breathe, providing vegetative buffers to development, producing natural habitats for wildlife, and increases resiliency in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and*

***WHEREAS**, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and*

***WHEREAS**, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Park and Recreation Month and the City of Coral Gables recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO**, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, and on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2024 as:*

“PARK AND RECREATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES”

***IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF**, I hereby encourage the residents of our “City Beautiful” to visit one of our sixty-six recreational facilities, neighborhood parks and open spaces.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this ninth day of July, A.D., 2024.*

Vince Lago
Mayor

Rhonda Anderson
Vice Mayor

Kirk Menendez
Commissioner

Melissa Castro
Commissioner

Ariel Fernandez
Commissioner