

# Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, *Illuminate Coral Gables* is South Florida's first light and technology-based public art exhibition opening on Friday, February 12, 2021 with eight artworks throughout Downtown, created by international and regional artists; and

**WHEREAS**, *Illuminate Coral Gables* was founded by Venny Torre and Patrick O'Connell following early inspiration from Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli and others; and

**WHEREAS**, *Illuminate Coral Gables* brought together the City, the Coral Gables Business Improvement District, Coral Gables Community Foundation, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and the Coral Gables Museum for the first collective partnership of its kind; and

**WHEREAS**, from February 12 through March 14, artworks will transform fourteen sites throughout Downtown through the intentional use of light and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, led by Chief Curator Lance M. Fung, Catherine Cathers, Jennifer Easton, and Rose Gordon-Wallace, artists were selected for their innovative concepts and use of materials including video projection, technology, and sculpture; and

**WHEREAS**, a stellar group of local, national and international artists are presented including Kiki Smith, Cai Guo-Qiang, Carlos Estevez, David Gumbs, Ruben Millares, Joseph Mills, Jonathan Perez and Florida International University (FIU) student artists Sandra Ramos and Antonia Wright; and

**WHEREAS**, *Illuminate Coral Gables* is a museum quality exhibition providing a robust art experience for those living in and visiting South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, educational components of *Illuminate Coral Gables* are available to all students; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating creativity and expression through the arts enriches communities in countless ways which creates dialogue, enhances spaces, provides entertainment, drives economic development, reflects its community and so much more; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI**, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim February 9, 2021 as:

### **"ILLUMINATE CORAL GABLES DAY IN CORAL GABLES"**

**IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF**, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, hereby encourages its residents and visitors to experience exceptional light-based artworks in public spaces throughout Coral Gables as *Illuminate Coral Gables* opens its exhibition for all to enjoy.

**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 ninth day of February, A. D., 2021.

**Raul Valdes-Fauli**  
Mayor

**Vince Lago**  
Vice Mayor

**Jorge L. Fors, Jr.**  
Commissioner

**Patricia Keon**  
Commissioner

**Michael Mena**  
Commissioner