



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 11, 2022

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Madelaine Mendez who holds the title of Fire Inspector, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of July 2022.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The nomination was submitted by Desiree Liguori, Assistant City Clerk, who stated the following:

“Inspector Mendez is a valued member of our organization, her attention to detail and ability to recall information makes her vital. A few weeks ago, Inspector Mendez heard the name of a business that she did not recognize, this raised red flags so she immediately began to dig into the business. According to our records there was supposed to be a tea shop where this business claimed to be operating and based on their website, they had a fully functioning kitchen. Inspector Mendez followed up by going out in person and discovering that the business had changed from the tea shop to a restaurant, but they did not pull permits or get a business license. There were several life safety concerns including operating multiple fryers without a hood and flammable materials lining the ceiling which creates serious life safety hazards. Inspector Mendez tactfully notified the appropriate departments and was instrumental in ensuring that the business no longer operated until life safety concerns were immediately addressed. This is just one example of what Inspector Mendez brings to fire prevention. She ensures that we stay up to date with our inspections, data, software, and conduct field inspections. Madeline is instrumental in keeping the City of Coral Gables a safe place to live, visit, and work and therefore deserves to be recognized as the employee of the month.”

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Employee of the Month Notification Letter**