

Office of the Mayor
The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *The National Kidney Foundation is the leading nonprofit health organization in the U.S. dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease for hundreds of thousands of healthcare professionals, millions of patients and their families, and tens of millions of Americans at risk; and*

WHEREAS, *1 in 3 American adults are at risk for kidney disease, especially those with diabetes, high blood pressure, a family history of kidney failure and being 60 years of age or older; and*

WHEREAS, *kidney disease often has no symptom and can go undetected until very advanced, but with a simple test, one can know if he or she has kidney disease, thus it is important to get tested because early detection and treatment can slow or prevent the progression of possible disease; and*

WHEREAS, *there are more than 95,000 patients waiting for a kidney transplant this year, but only 11,000 will receive transplants due to the lack of organ donors, thus making the public aware of this need is critical for patient survival; and*

WHEREAS, *currently the National Kidney Foundation of Florida spends 83 percent of all revenue collected on patient services and programs, including organ donation, renal transplant and direct aid to those patients in need; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM CASON, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim December 16, 2014 as:

**“NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA
DAY IN CORAL GABLES”**

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, please join our City of Coral Gables organization, in recognizing the National Kidney Foundation of Florida, who make events like the free kidney screening possible, in order to continue to educate people about the effects of kidney disease, and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Coral Gables to be affixed on this sixteenth day of December, A.D., 2014.

Jim Cason
Mayor

William “Bill” Kerdyk, Jr.
Vice Mayor

Pat Keon
Commissioner

Vince Lago
Commissioner

Frank C. Quesada
Commissioner