



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
February 26, 2019**

**ITEM TITLE:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO BE A SPONSOR OF THE UM-NSU C.A.R.D. (CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES) TROPICAL NIGHTS GALA HONORING FORMER CITY ATTORNEY CRAIG E. LEEN FOR HIS WORK WHEN HE WAS CITY ATTORNEY OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES

Craig E. Leen was appointed City Attorney on April 11, 2011. During his six years as City Attorney, Mr. Leen was a skilled City Attorney, known as a protector of home rule, and as a drafter of innovative legislation to enhance quality of life in the City, including his work on the Declaration of Principles of Inclusion for Individuals with Autism and Other Special Needs. He was also a member of the UM-NSU C.A.R.D. Constituency Board.

Mr. Leen is being honored for spearheading the movement to encourage cities and counties in Florida and around the country to pass resolutions embracing principles of inclusion as they relate to citizens with special needs, and he will receive the Cruz-Whitehurst Advocacy Award at the UM-NSU C.A.R.D. Tropical Nights Gala in April of 2019.

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This Resolution finds that sponsoring the Tropical Nights Gala and having City Officials present to witness and support Mr. Leen's recognition for the work he did at the City is both prudent and appropriate and authorizes the city to be a Coconut Palm Sponsor for the gala.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Resolution