

Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States. It accounts for 7.1 percent of the total private industry employment in the U.S., directly supporting 8.9 million jobs this past year, which amounts to travelers spending money, directly generating billions of dollars in tax revenues, for federal, state and local governments, said funds to be used to support essential services and programs; and*

***WHEREAS**, travel is a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than any other sector, thus more than 142,100 people were employed by the travel and tourism industry this past year, amassing 16.5 million overnight visitors to Greater Miami and the Beaches, contributing to local businesses and jobs, spending an estimated \$17 billion dollars into our local economy on lodging, food, shopping, transportation and entertainment, resulting in 34 percent of our state sales taxes being collected; and*

***WHEREAS**, in our own City, whether one is addressing the top-rated hotels, restaurants, or attractions, Coral Gables has increasingly become a destination of choice for many travelers;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAUL VALDES-FAULI**, as Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as:*

“TRAVEL AND TOURISM MONTH IN CORAL GABLES”

***IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF**, I do hereby encourage our citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, to join the City of Coral Gables in further supporting, promoting and expanding tourism awareness in our area.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coral Gables to be affixed on this fourteenth day of May, A.D., 2019.*

***Raul Valdes-Fauli**
Mayor*

***Vince Lago**
Vice Mayor*

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

***Patricia Keon**
Commissioner*

***Michael Mena**
Commissioner*