Office of the Mayor The City of Coral Gables **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, established in 1218, the University of Salamanca, a venerable institution which has been attended by brilliant authorities, philosophers, and authors, is the oldest university in Spain, the fourth oldest in the world behind the University of Bologna, Italy, Oxford, England and Sorbonne in France, with a yearly student population of 30,000 and an international presence of 6,000; and

WHEREAS, this is the first time the University of Salamanca has chosen to have a location in the United States, and Florida was chosen for being an excellent location because of its international ambiance and being the Gateway to the Americas. The City of Coral Gables was specifically chosen because of its central location, beautiful Spanish architecture and influence, which is a perfect match for a regal, historical and beautiful ambiance that is synonymous with the University of Salamanca; and

WHEREAS, at their location in the "City Beautiful" the University is specifically offering a Study Abroad Programs for Teens and College Students, Spanish Summer Camps, and "Life Long Learners:" Cultural and historical workshops and seminars; and

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 the October 8, 2019 as:

"UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA DAY IN CORAL GABLES"

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I call upon the citizens of Coral Gables, to join me in welcoming the University of Salamanca to the City of Coral Gables, a prestigious institution rich in tradition and history, whose progressive and innovative vision for the future continues to enhance and improve its programs and overall status.

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

Raul Valdes-Fauli Mayor

Vince Lago Vice Mayor Jorge Fors, Jr. Commissioner Patricia Keon Commissioner Michael Mena Commissioner