

*Whereas*, the Village of Pinecrest has experienced severe weather in the past in the form of extreme rainfall or tropical system events periodically resulting in flooding in low-lying areas, and this flooding has caused damage and flood losses to homes and buildings in all areas whether they are high-risk special flood hazard areas or low to moderate risk flood zones; and

*Whereas*, the Village of Pinecrest is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance premium rates as well as setting higher regulatory standards to reduce the flood risk and potential flood damage to their property; and

*Whereas*, the reduction of loss of life and property damage can be achieved when appropriate flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures are taken before a flood; and

*Whereas*, public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection are critical to the health, safety and welfare of residents, the Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA), have declared the week of March 9th-15th, 2026 as Flood Awareness Week to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risk, the availability of flood insurance, flood protection methods, and how to prepare for emergencies;

*Now, therefore, I, Joseph M. Corradino, Mayor of the Village of Pinecrest, Florida, on behalf of the Village Council and its citizens, do hereby proclaim March 9 - 15, 2026 as*

## *Flood Awareness Week*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Village Clerk to affix the Seal of the Village of Pinecrest, Florida this 9th day of March, 2026 and do hereby encourage all citizens of the Village of Pinecrest to join me in increasing their knowledge of how to protect themselves and their property from flooding.*

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*Joseph M. Corradino*  
*Mayor*

*Whereas,* the Latin Builders Association (LBA) has, for 55 years, served as a vital pillar of the construction and development industry in South Florida, promoting excellence, professionalism, and opportunity while advancing economic growth and responsible development throughout Miami-Dade County and the surrounding region; and

*Whereas,* the LBA has played a significant role in supporting minority-owned and locally based businesses, fostering leadership, workforce development, and meaningful collaboration among industry professionals, public agencies, and community stakeholders, thereby contributing to a stronger and more inclusive local economy; and

*Whereas,* the Village of Pinecrest recognizes the importance of responsible development, quality construction, and community-centered planning in preserving the character, safety, and quality of life of its residents; and

*Whereas,* Rafael Cabrera, as the 26th President of the Latin Builders Association, exemplifies dedicated leadership, integrity, and service to the construction industry and the broader community, and brings a clear vision focused on collaboration, innovation, and continued growth for the organization and its members; and

*Whereas,* under President Cabrera's leadership, the Latin Builders Association is poised to further strengthen partnerships with municipalities such as the Village of Pinecrest, support responsible and sustainable development, and advance initiatives that benefit residents, businesses, and future generations;

*Now, therefore, I, Joseph M. Corradino, Mayor of the Village of Pinecrest, Florida, on behalf of the Village Council and its citizens, do hereby proclaim March 14, 2026 as*

## *Latin Builders Association Day*

HONORING RAFAEL CABRERA UPON HIS INSTALLATION AS THE 26TH PRESIDENT

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Village Clerk to affix the Seal of the Village of Pinecrest, Florida, this 14th day of March, 2026, and do hereby encourage all citizens of the Village of Pinecrest to join me in recognizing the Latin Builders Association for its longstanding contributions to South Florida and congratulate Rafael Cabrera on his installation as the 26th President of the L.B.A. and further wishing him and the organization continued success in their mission to build, lead, and serve our community.*

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*Joseph M. Corradino*  
*Mayor*

*Whereas*, from 1960 through 1962 over 14,000 unaccompanied children and teenagers fled Cuba to escape an increasingly repressive and communist regime; and

*Whereas*, through the efforts of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, the U.S. State Department, Father Brian O. Walsh, and other courageous and loving individuals, Operation Peter Pan became the largest and most successful exodus of its kind in the Western Hemisphere; and

*Whereas*, the influx of children from Cuba and their eventual reunification with their families here in the United States of America, has added great bounty to this nation and our community; and

*Whereas*, history is bound to repeat itself for lack of education, the Village of Pinecrest applauds the efforts undertaken by St. Louis Covenant School to teach our children the lessons of kindness, bravery, compassion, and liberty demonstrated by all of those involved in Operación Pedro Pan; and

*Whereas*, Village of Pinecrest supports the efforts of St. Louis Covenant School to teach the dangers of divisive and dictatorial governments as well as the blessings of our Republic and the Constitution on which it depends;

*Now, therefore, I, Joseph M. Corradino, Mayor of the Village of Pinecrest, Florida, on behalf of the Village Council and its citizens, do hereby proclaim Monday, March 16th, 2026,*

## *Childhood In Exile: Operation Pedro Pan Day*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Village Clerk to affix the Seal of the Village of Pinecrest, Florida this 16th day of March, 2026 and do hereby encourage all citizens of the Village of Pinecrest to join me in supporting the efforts of St. Louis Covenant School.*

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*Joseph M. Corradino  
Mayor*