

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(A)

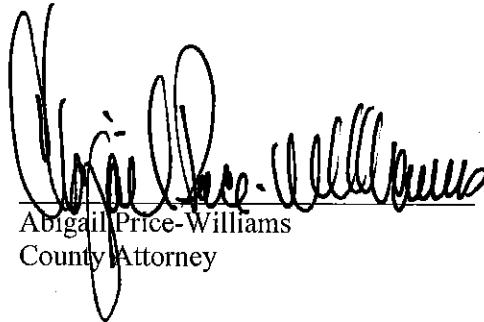
**TO:** Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 16, 2017

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution codesignating that  
portion of NW 41<sup>st</sup> Street from NW  
93rd Court to NW 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue as  
"Guillermo Benites Way"; urging  
the City of Doral to join in such  
codesignation

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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5-16-17

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF NW 41ST STREET FROM NW 93RD COURT TO NW 97TH AVENUE AS "GUILLERMO BENITES WAY"; URGING THE CITY OF DORAL TO JOIN IN SUCH CODESIGNATION

**WHEREAS**, veteran television news anchor Guillermo Benites, the star of Univisión Canal 23 for nearly four decades and one of the pioneers of Spanish-language television in the United States, died on December 17, 2016 in Miami at the age of 75; and

**WHEREAS**, Benites was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina on September 21, 1941, the son of Adolfo and Elvira Benites; and

**WHEREAS**, after studying journalism and broadcasting at the *Instituto Superior de Enseñanza Radiofónica*, Benites married his first wife Gloria Nosti and moved to Venezuela at the age of 21; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, Benites came to Miami, where, at a time when Hispanic media jobs were few, he started out as an announcer in the WFAB La Fabulosa radio station and later rose to become director of programming; and

**WHEREAS**, Benites then moved on to Univisión Canal 23, where he started as a weatherman but soon afterward became the station's primary news anchor; and

**WHEREAS**, Benites was one of the key players in the evolution of Spanish-language television in South Florida, from its small industry beginnings to becoming a modern communications system and eventually drawing audiences larger than those of regional English-language television; and

**WHEREAS**, meticulous, creative, courteous and engaging, Benites connected with his audiences through his simple language and surprisingly neutral accent and reported passionately, tirelessly and professionally on the life of the city and its varied communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Benites is survived by his wife Maria, son Guillermo Jr., daughter-in-law Alina and two grandchildren, Karina and Alejandro; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board would like to honor the memory of Guillermo Benites and his contributions to the community by codesignating that portion of NW 41st Street from NW 93rd Court to NW 97th Avenue as “Guillermo Benites Way”; and

**WHEREAS**, the television studios for Univisión 23 Miami, where Benites worked for many years, are located at 9405 NW 41st Street in Doral; and

**WHEREAS**, that portion of NW 41st Street from NW 93rd Court to NW 97th Avenue is a County-maintained road located in the City of Doral; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 12,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Having considered this matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of NW 41st Street from NW 93rd Court to NW 97th Avenue as “Guillermo Benites Way”.

**Section 2.** Urges the City of Doral to join in this codesignation.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Doral, the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the City of Doral Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

MJM

Michael J. Mastrucci