

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

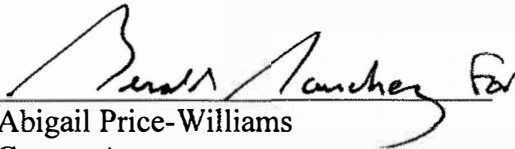
**DATE:** April 7, 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution urging the City of  
Hialeah to codesignate that  
portion of East 1st Avenue  
from East 8th Street to East 9th  
Street/Northwest 62nd Street as  
“Modesto Perez Way”;  
approving such codesignation

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa.

  
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County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) \_\_\_\_) 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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4-7-20

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF HIALEAH TO CODESIGNATE THAT PORTION OF EAST 1ST AVENUE FROM EAST 8TH STREET TO EAST 9TH STREET/NORTHWEST 62ND STREET AS "MODESTO PEREZ WAY"; APPROVING SUCH CODESIGNATION

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Modesto Rafael Perez is a well-respected community leader, advocate, and owner of a long-established small business in the City of Hialeah; and

**WHEREAS**, born in Cienfuegos, Cuba to a hotel administrator, Mr. Perez flourished as a jai alai player in Havana and reached the professional ranks of the sport; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Perez's success as a jai alai player was shattered when he was arrested by the Cuban communist government and held as a political prisoner for nearly a decade for refusing to join the revolutionary militia and for opposing Fidel Castro's totalitarian regime; and

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1970s, Mr. Perez fled from his native homeland to Queens, New York, where he operated a restaurant for several years with the aspiration of achieving the American Dream; and

**WHEREAS**, eventually, Mr. Perez relocated to Miami-Dade County where he settled in the City of Hialeah; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide for his five children, Mr. Perez then went on to found Mr. Cool Appliances, a successful air conditioning business in Hialeah which he continues to operate successfully to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1983, Mr. Perez has led La Asociación de Comerciantes y Profesionales de Hialeah (The Hialeah Merchants and Professionals Association) which provides assistance to local small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the years, Mr. Perez has continuously distinguished himself as a selfless advocate for the elderly and less fortunate and, most notably, as a trusted advisor to many entrepreneurs and political figures whose respect he has earned; and

**WHEREAS**, true to his generous spirit, Mr. Perez routinely coordinates the donation of food and goods from local businesses to be distributed to the neediest in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Perez's experiences as a political prisoner, exile, family man, businessman, and advocate reflect the story of countless other Miami-Dade County residents who have overcome similar challenges, and who have woven into the fabric of this community a legacy of hard work, service, sacrifice, and determination which will undoubtedly be a source of inspiration for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Mr. Perez and his contributions to the community, this Board would like to urge the City of Hialeah to codesignate that portion of East 1st Avenue from East 8th Street to East 9th Street/Northwest 62nd Street as "Modesto Perez Way"; and

**WHEREAS**, that portion of East 1st Avenue from East 8th Street to East 9th Street/Northwest 62nd Street is a city-maintained street located in the City of Hialeah and County Commission District 6,

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

**Section 1.** Urges the City of Hialeah to codesignate that portion of East 1st Avenue from East 8th Street to East 9th Street/Northwest 62nd Street as "Modesto Perez Way".

**Section 2.** Approves such codesignation.

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah, 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 Miami-Dade Police Department, the Hialeah Police Department, and the Hialeah Fire Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. 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:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020. 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.

MSM

Michael J. Mastrucci