

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No.

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

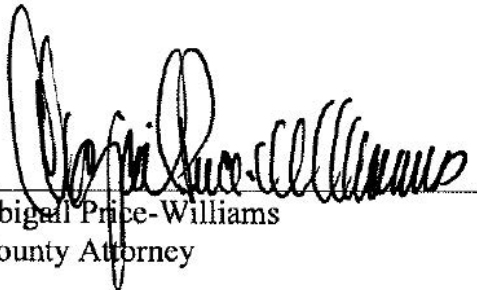
**DATE:** October 6, 2020

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution codesignating that  
portion of NE 16th Avenue from  
Ives Dairy Road to NE 209th  
Street as "Trayvon Martin  
Avenue"

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.

  
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County Attorney

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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

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF NE  
16TH AVENUE FROM IVES DAIRY ROAD TO NE 209TH  
STREET AS "TRAYVON MARTIN AVENUE"

**WHEREAS**, Trayvon Benjamin Martin was born on February 5, 1995 in Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2012, while visiting Sanford, Florida, Trayvon Martin was shot and killed; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of his death, Trayvon Martin was a student at Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School located at 1410 NE 215th Street, and resided in County Commission District 1 in Miami Gardens, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, he was beloved by his family, friends, and other members of his community and has been described as a peaceful, respectful, laid back, and positive person; and

**WHEREAS**, in some ways, Trayvon Martin was a typical teenager who enjoyed playing video games, listening to music, watching movies, and talking and texting on the phone; and

**WHEREAS**, however, he was also developing advanced mechanical skills and, among other things, was known to be able to build and fix dirt bikes; and

**WHEREAS**, as a native Floridian and a resident of the City of Miami Gardens, Trayvon Martin intended to stay close to home and attend college at either the University of Miami or Florida A&M University; and

**WHEREAS**, Trayvon Martin intended to pursue a career that would allow him to fly or work with aircraft, that desire was cemented after his participation in Experience Aviation, a program that introduces young people to career opportunities in aviation; and

**WHEREAS**, sadly, Trayvon Martin's future dreams and goals were extinguished before he had a chance to achieve them or, even, a real opportunity to live his life; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of his death, Trayvon Martin was only 17 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, although Trayvon Martin's life was tragically cut short, his death elicited national conversations about race relations, racial profiling, gun rights, and stand your ground laws and was a catalyst that set nationwide demands for social justice reforms in motion; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, following Trayvon Martin's death:

- (1) rallies, marches and protests were held across the nation;
- (2) in March 2012, hundreds of students at a high school he once attended held a walkout in support of him;
- (3) his face was on every major news network, newspaper, magazine, and online news site;
- (4) the name Trayvon was tweeted more than 2 million times in the 30 days following his death; and
- (5) an online petition calling for a full investigation and prosecution of his killer was signed by more than 2 million people; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, in July 2013, in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's killer, #BlackLivesMatter ("Black Lives Matter"), was first used as a social media hashtag and later evolved into a global political movement dedicated to protesting police brutality and racially motivated violence against Black people, as well as other social justice reforms; and

**WHEREAS**, Trayvon Martin's tragic demise was also the impetus for the creation of the Trayvon Martin Foundation ("Foundation"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, was created by Trayvon Martin's parents in March 2012, and provided a means for them to redirect their grief and immense pain as well as establish a vehicle that would help raise awareness, initiate dialogue, and engage individuals about social justice issues and reforms; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Lives Matter and the Foundation were both founded as a direct result of Trayvon Martin's death and provided a means for people across the world to voice their opinions and channel their anguish as they grappled with the murder of an unarmed child who was returning home with a drink and candy that he purchased from a convenience store; and

**WHEREAS**, both organizations share a commitment to opposing racism and deliberate violence against Black people; and

**WHEREAS**, Trayvon Martin's heartbreaking death was the spark that ignited long-smoldering demands for racial justice and equality for Black people and other people of color and united people of all races across the nation in making said demands; and

**WHEREAS**, although borne out of the tragedy, a new generation of activists was inspired by Trayvon Martin's death, and his name and image are recognized across the world and associated with the fight for social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, in speaking about Trayvon Martin, one of the attorneys for his family recounted that "Trayvon's death raised America's consciousness and pierced its conscience;" and

**WHEREAS**, Trayvon Martin, a young man whose life and future prospects were tragically cut short, was homegrown; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board appreciates the social justice reforms spurred by his death, recognizes all that his legacy could have been, and would like to honor the life and memory of Trayvon Benjamin Martin by codesignating that portion of NE 16th Avenue from Ives Dairy Road to NE 209th Street as "Trayvon Martin Avenue"; and

**WHEREAS**, that portion of NE 16th Avenue from Ives Dairy Road to NE 209th Street is a County maintained road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 1,

**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 NE 16th Avenue from Ives Dairy Road to NE 209th Street as “Trayvon Martin Avenue”.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Transportation and Public Works Department, the Development Services Division of the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, the Miami-Dade County Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan. 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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.



Shanika A. Graves