

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)


TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 5, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the City of
Miami to codesignate that
portion of Northwest 5th Avenue
between northwest 9th Street and
northwest 11th Street as “Judge
A. Leo Adderly Way”; and
approving such codesignation

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor
Commissioner Keon Hardemon and Co-Sponsor Senator René García.



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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
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) 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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5-5-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF MIAMI TO CODESIGNATE THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST 5TH AVENUE BETWEEN NORTHWEST 9TH STREET AND NORTHWEST 11TH STREET AS “JUDGE A. LEO ADDERLY WAY”; AND APPROVING SUCH CODESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Retired Judge Alfonso Leo Adderly (“Judge Adderly”) passed away on July 4, 2023, having devoted over 30 years of public service to Miami-Dade County, including 22 years as a County Court judge; and

WHEREAS, he was widely respected and admired for his generosity, calm demeanor, even tone, and unwavering commitment to access to equal justice; and

WHEREAS, born in what is now known as Overtown in the City of Miami on October 27, 1938, Judge Adderly attended Booker T. Washington Senior High School—the first high school in Miami to accept black students—and received his bachelor’s degree from Morehouse College and his Juris Doctor from Howard University; and

WHEREAS, before he enrolled in law school he returned to Miami-Dade County to teach briefly in Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, as project director of voter education for the National Urban League, Judge Adderly helped make history when he registered nearly 10,000 new voters ahead of the 1964 presidential election; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the first cohort of staff attorneys when the Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. (“LSGMI”) opened its doors in 1966, and he served on LSGMI’s Board of Directors, eventually rising to the position of president in the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, LGSMI later created the Judge A. Leo Adderly Distinguished Service Award in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Judge Adderly also served as an Assistant Public Defender for Miami-Dade County's Eleventh Judicial Circuit from 1969 until 1972, and co-founded the Black Archives History and Foundation of South Florida in 1977; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed to the bench in August 1981 and had a long and distinguished career as a County Court judge until his retirement in September 2003; and

WHEREAS, he never lost his human touch or passion for serving the community during his tenure as judge; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the Miami Herald Silver Knight Award, Judge Adderly's philanthropic efforts are well documented, including in the fields of education and archival history; and

WHEREAS, he will forever be remembered as an exemplary public servant, philanthropist, and leader; and

WHEREAS, to honor Judge Adderly's legacy and his tremendous contributions to the community, this Board desires to urge the City of Miami (the "City") to codesignate that portion of Northwest 5th Avenue between Northwest 9th Street and Northwest 11th Street as "Judge A. Leo Adderly Way"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Northwest 5th Avenue between Northwest 9th Street and Northwest 11th Street is a City-maintained road located within the City and within County Commission District 3,

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 Miami to codesignate that portion of Northwest 5th Avenue between Northwest 9th Street and Northwest 11th Street as “Judge A. Leo Adderly Way”.

Section 2. Approves such codesignation.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami, 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 Miami Police Department, and the City of Miami Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon and the Co-Sponsor is Senator René García. 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:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Vicki L. Lopez
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2026. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Tricia-Gaye L. Cotterell
Michael J. Mastrucci