

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(D)

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

DATE: April 21, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of Southwest 162nd
Avenue from Southwest 232nd
Street to Southwest 240th Street
as "Jimmy Ryce Avenue"

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.



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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 _____

Agenda Item No. 5(D)
4-21-26

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF
SOUTHWEST 162ND AVENUE FROM SOUTHWEST 232ND
STREET TO SOUTHWEST 240TH STREET AS “JIMMY RYCE
AVENUE”

WHEREAS, Samuel James “Jimmy” Ryce (“Jimmy”) was born on September 26, 1985,
in Homestead, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy was an amazing smart boy, who loved to read (although he hated
stories with sad endings), played baseball, and aspired to be a professional baseball player when
he grew up or, if not, find a cure for a disease; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 1995, Jimmy, who was nine years old at the time, was
walking on his way home from school when he was abducted at gunpoint, raped, and murdered by
a sexual predator; and

WHEREAS, after Jimmy’s disappearance, his parents, Don and Claudine Ryce, led a
three-month massive search to find Jimmy until his killer was arrested and confessed to the crime;
and

WHEREAS, Jimmy’s funeral was on December 30, 1995, in which a mourning South
Florida community paid its respects to Jimmy in a ceremony befitting that of a head of state; and

WHEREAS, after months of mourning, Jimmy’s parents founded the Jimmy Ryce Center
for Victims of Predatory Abduction (“Jimmy Ryce Center”) to honor their son, raising awareness
about the plight of missing children, victim’s rights, and violence; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy’s parents worked tirelessly on the Jimmy Ryce Center, successfully
bringing about changes in legislation at the local, state, and national level to keep children safe,

speaking to national organizations, helping other families cope with a missing child, and writing a handbook for siblings of a missing child; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy’s parents found through research that bloodhounds are the “best single bet for bringing a child, abducted by a predator, home, alive,” and, considering that no bloodhound was available at the time that Jimmy went missing, the Jimmy Ryce Center undertook the mission of providing bloodhounds for law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, as of this day, the Jimmy Ryce Center has donated nearly 700 bloodhounds to law enforcement agencies across the country; and

WHEREAS, while Don and Claudine Ryce have now passed away, the Jimmy Ryce Center is still carrying their mission forward to keep Jimmy’s memory and legacy alive; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 162nd Avenue from Southwest 232nd Street to Southwest 240th Street is a County-maintained road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 8; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to honor Jimmy’s memory and legacy by codesignating that portion of Southwest 162nd Avenue from Southwest 232nd Street to Southwest 240th Street as “Jimmy Ryce Avenue”,

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 Southwest 162nd Avenue from Southwest 232nd Street to Southwest 240th Street as “Jimmy Ryce Avenue”.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to 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 Sheriff's Office, and the Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.

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 21st day of April, 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.

CSL

Christian Sanchez Leon
Michael J. Mastrucci