

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 4, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City
of Hialeah codesignation of that
portion of West 16 Avenue from
West 44 Place to West 60 Street
as "President Alvaro Uribe Velez
Way"

Resolution No. R-482-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman 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 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 _____

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(4)
5-4-21

RESOLUTION NO. R-482-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF HIALEAH
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF WEST 16 AVENUE
FROM WEST 44 PLACE TO WEST 60 STREET AS
“PRESIDENT ALVARO URIBE VELEZ WAY”

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2021, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hialeah adopted Resolution No. 2021-011, which codesignated that portion of West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street in Hialeah as “President Alvaro Uribe Velez Way”, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, Alvaro Uribe Velez is a Colombian politician and former Colombian President (“President Uribe”); and

WHEREAS, as a Colombian lawyer, businessman, and politician, President Uribe is known as one of the most influential persons of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, President Uribe was elected president of Colombia from 2002 to 2006 with 53 percent of the total votes, becoming the first president to win the elections in the first round since this measure was established in the 1991 Colombian Constitution; and

WHEREAS, President Uribe took office in 2002, promoting his democratic security policy, a long-term strategy designed to regain control of the territory of the State; and

WHEREAS, his presidency included: an increase in the budget assigned to national defense; increases in force, the creation, and provision of new purchases of airplanes and helicopters; the arrival of police stations in urban centers; the professionalization and strengthening of the public force; the creation of joint commandos, headquarters of joint special operations, and

elite groups of police and army; and the strengthening of intelligence in alliance with the United States so that the Colombian conflict with the guerrillas would be included in the war against terrorism and drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, through his presidency, President Uribe made it possible for the arrest and extradition of many of the world's largest traffickers; and

WHEREAS, he supported the war against terrorism as promoted by President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, President Uribe suggested creating a contingent of Colombian blue helmets to provide security for displaced people in Colombia and to help them return to their original homes; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, President Uribe negotiated with groups such as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the National Liberation Army, and the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, as there was an increase in the desertion of those groups operating outside the law in part due to his demobilization policy that led to the disbanding of paramilitary groups between 2002 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, kidnapping, homicides, inflation, and unemployment rates all decreased drastically; and

WHEREAS, in addition, foreign investment and gross domestic product increased during President Uribe's tenure; and

WHEREAS, also during his tenure, Colombia was one of only three countries that had positive economic growth during the 2008 global crisis; and

WHEREAS, after finishing his presidential term in 2014, President Uribe was elected senator on a closed list by the Democratic Center, a party founded and led by him; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, he was the prominent leader of the No Campaign in the Plebiscite on the question regarding the peace accords where the No Campaign won by a narrow margin; and

WHEREAS, today, President Uribe is one of the most popular and influential politicians in his country, and he continues to be a pillar of democracy in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Delgado's accomplishments and influence, this Board would like to approve the City of Hialeah's codesignation of that portion of West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street in Hialeah as "President Alvaro Uribe Velez Way"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 street is a city-maintained street located in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah would like the County to install signage indicating this codesignation on County street signs and traffic signal masts arms; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission Districts 12 and 13,

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

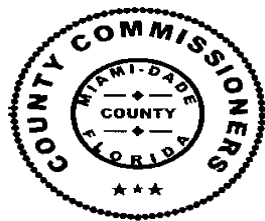
Section 1. Approves the City of Hialeah codesignation of that portion of West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street in Hialeah as "President Alvaro Uribe Velez Way".

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies 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 Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, the Hialeah Police Department, and the Hialeah Fire Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye		
Oliver G. Gilbert III, Vice Chairman	aye		
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	absent
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4 day of May, 2021. 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Ryan Carlin

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-011

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE STREET NAMING OF WEST 16 AVENUE FROM WEST 44 PLACE TO WEST 60 STREET AS "PRESIDENT ALVARO URIBE VELEZ WAY", WITH THE COST OF SIGNAGE TO BE PAID BY THE CITY, IN HIS HONOR, AS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL POLITICIANS IN LATIN AMERICA AND A PILLAR OF DEMOCRACY IN THE AMERICAS.

WHEREAS, the street naming at West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street, Hialeah, Florida as "President Alvaro Uribe Velez Way" in Honor of former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe Velez; and

WHEREAS, President Alvaro Uribe Velez ("President Uribe") was born on July 4, 1952, a Colombian lawyer, businessman and politician known as one of the most influential politicians of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, President Uribe was elected president of Colombia from 2002 to 2006 with 53% of the total votes becoming the first president to win the elections in the first round since this measure was established in the 1991 Colombian Constitution; and

WHEREAS, President Uribe took office in 2002, promoting his democratic security policy (PSD) centered on two axes: one to regain control of the territory of the State with the creation of high mountain battalions, platoons of peasant soldiers, who accompanied the National Police in various municipalities, and by offering of rewards to informants in attacking the rear of the guerrillas who opposed the state; and

WHEREAS, President Uribe included an increase in the budget assigned to national defense, increases in force, the creation, and provision of new purchases of airplanes and helicopters, the arrival of police stations in urban centers; the professionalization and strengthening of the public force, the creation of joint commandos, as well as Headquarters of joint special operations and elite groups of the police and army; also the increase of strengthening of intelligence in alliance with the United States so that the Colombian conflict with the guerrillas would be included in the war against terrorism and drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, through his presidency, President Uribe made it possible for the arrest and extradition of many of the world's largest traffickers; and

WHEREAS, he supported the war against terrorism as promoted by President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, President Uribe suggested creating a contingent of Colombian blue helmets to provide security for displaced people in Colombia and to help them return to their original homes and as part of the democratic security although the United Nations did not want to get involved and, during his tenure negotiated with groups such as the FARC, ELN and AUC, where there was an increase in the desertion of those groups operating outside the law in part due to his demobilization policy that led to the disbanding of paramilitary groups between 2002 and 2010, about 53,810 members of guerrilla and paramilitary groups; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, kidnapping fell from 2,282 to 213 cases per year, and homicides decreased from 29,000 to 16,000. Inflation was at 7% in 2002 and at the end of his term it was 2% and the unemployment rate went from almost 16% to 11%, and foreign investment went from US \$2 billion annually to US \$ 7 billion in the same period, and Gross Domestic Product grew an average of 4.47% per year and Colombia and was one of only three countries that had positive economic growth during the 2008 global crisis; and

WHEREAS, after finishing his presidential term in 2014, he was elected senator on a closed list by the Democratic Center, a party founded and led by him; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, he was the prominent leader of the No Campaign in the Plebiscite on the question regarding the peace accords where the No Campaign won by a narrow margin; and

WHEREAS, today President Uribe is one of the most popular and influential politicians in his country, even among Colombians socially, economically, an emotionally, and continues to be a pillar of democracy in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, that portion of West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street is a city street located in the City of Hialeah.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council designates that portion of West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street as "President Alvaro Uribe Velez Way", with the cost of signage to be paid by the City, in his honor, as one of the most influential politicians in Latin America and a

pillar of democracy in the Americas.

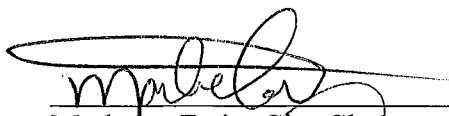
Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16 day of February, 2021.


Jesus Tundidor
Council President

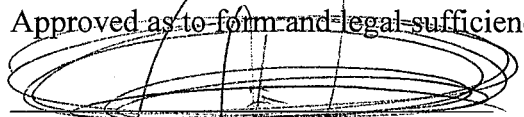
Attest:

Approved on this 23 day of February, 2021.


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk


Mayor Carlos Hernandez

~~Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:~~


Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers, De la Rosa, Garcia-Roves, Hernandez, Perez, Tundidor, and Zogby voting "Yes" and with Council Member Cue-Fuente recording her vote as "Yes" via Zoom.

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