

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(4)

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

DATE: April 5, 2022

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami's codesignation of that
portion of Northwest 18th Street
from Northwest Miami Court to
Northwest 2nd Avenue as
"Purvis Young Street"

Resolution No. R-288-22

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Keon Hardemon.



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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. 3(A)(4)
4-5-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-288-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST
18TH STREET FROM NORTHWEST MIAMI COURT TO
NORTHWEST 2ND AVENUE AS "PURVIS YOUNG STREET"

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2022, the City of Miami adopted Resolution No. R-22-0050, which codesignated that portion of Northwest 18th Street from Northwest Miami Court to Northwest 2nd Avenue as "Purvis Young Street"; and

WHEREAS, a copy of City of Miami Resolution No. R-22-0050 is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Purvis Young ("Young") was born on February 2, 1943, in the Liberty City neighborhood located in the City of Miami ("City"); and

WHEREAS, Young was introduced to the arts as a youth by his uncle, Irvin Young; and

WHEREAS, while spending three years in a penitentiary, Young regained his interest in art and ultimately decided to leave behind a life of crime to pursue life as an artist; and

WHEREAS, with little formal education, Young developed his craft by studying art books and drawing before his release from incarceration in 1964; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Young moved to the Overtown neighborhood within the City; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Young produced thousands of small drawings; and

WHEREAS, after being inspired by mural movements in Chicago and Detroit, Young's work became more large-scale; and

WHEREAS, Young became attracted to a vacant alley named Goodbread Alley, named after Jamaican bakeries that once occupied the street, and began living there; and

WHEREAS, Young created paintings on discarded plywood and nailed them to Goodbread Alley's storefronts, which quickly became a tourist attraction, creating an artistic market and culture in Overtown; and

WHEREAS, Young and his artwork gained widespread recognition leading to the 1999 purchase of his entire current collection, comprising of almost 3,000 pieces, by the notable art collecting Rubell family; and

WHEREAS, Young became an outspoken activist who addressed political, social, and racial issues through his art; and

WHEREAS, within Young's vibrant, colorful, and symbolic works, one can find themes of freedom, unity, and life; and

WHEREAS, two of Young's early works, murals painted at the Culmer Library and Northside Metrorail Station, still stand today; and

WHEREAS, Young's legacy is not limited to the City; and

WHEREAS, Young has been recognized by the Smithsonian and his work can be found in museums all over the United States; and

WHEREAS, after battling health issues for many years, Young passed away on April 20, 2010, leaving behind a legacy that remains engrained in the City's rich culture and history; and

WHEREAS, Northwest 18th Street from Northwest Miami Court to Northwest 2nd Avenue is a City-maintained road located in the City; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is located in County Commission District 3; and

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor Young by approving the City’s codesignation of that portion of Northwest 18th Street from Northwest Miami Court to Northwest 2nd Avenue as “Purvis Young Street”,

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

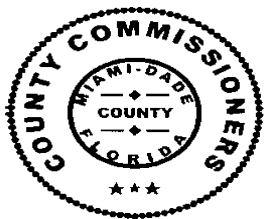
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami’s codesignation of that portion of Northwest 18th Street from Northwest Miami Court to Northwest 2nd Avenue as “Purvis Young Street”.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy 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 Fire Rescue Department, and the City of Miami Police Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Oliver G. Gilbert, III** 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	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of April, 2022. 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: **Basia Pruna**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke



**City of Miami
Certified Copy**

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File Number: 11382

Enactment Number: R-22-0050

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CO-DESIGNATING NORTHWEST 18TH STREET FROM NORTHWEST MIAMI COURT TO NORTHWEST 2ND AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA AS "PURVIS YOUNG STREET" PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED; FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Christine King

WHEREAS, Mr. Purvis Young ("Young") was born on February 2, 1942 in the Liberty City neighborhood located within the City of Miami ("City"); and

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WHEREAS, after battling health issues for many years, Young passed away on April 20, 2010 leaving behind a legacy that remains engrained in the City's rich culture and history; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to honor Young by co-designating Northwest 18th Street from Northwest Miami Court to Northwest 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida as "Purvis Young Street;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

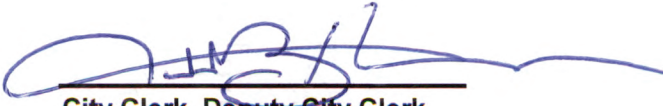
Section 2. The City Commission co-designates that portion within the City's limits of Northwest 18th Street from Northwest Miami Court to Northwest 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida as "Purvis Young Street."

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Departments of Police, Fire-Rescue, and Solid Waste; the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works; the Miami-Dade County Commissioner of District 3; the United States Postal Service; and, if a State of Florida road, to the Florida Department of Transportation, District Six, for sign installation within the newly designated roadway.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption

DATE:	2/10/2022
RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Manolo Reyes, Commissioner
AYES:	Christine King, Joe Carollo, Ken Russell, Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Manolo Reyes

I, Todd B. Hannon, City Clerk of the City of Miami, Florida, and keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that this constitutes a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-22-0050, passed by the City Commission on 2/10/2022.



City Clerk, Deputy City Clerk
(for Todd B. Hannon, City
Clerk)

February 22, 2022

Date Certified