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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 4, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City of
Miami's codesignation of that
portion of Northwest 32nd Street
between 7th Avenue and 7th
Place, Miami, Florida, as "Father
Jose Luis Menendez Street"

Resolution No. R-244-23

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)(1)
4-4-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-244-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF
MIAMI'S CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF
NORTHWEST 32ND STREET BETWEEN 7TH AVENUE
AND 7TH PLACE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS "FATHER JOSE
LUIS MENENDEZ STREET"

WHEREAS, the City of Miami passed Resolution Number R-23-0061 on February 6, 2023, which codesignated that portion of Northwest 32nd Street between 7th Avenue and 7th Place as "Father Jose Luis Menendez Street" in honor of Father Jose Luis Menendez ("Father Menendez"), a Cuban-American clergyman known for his contributions to the Miami-Dade community; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution Number R-23-0061 is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, Father Menendez joined the Archdiocese of Miami in 1980, and since then, has served as a Catholic priest for several churches in the City of Miami, including at St. Mary's Cathedral, the Miami Shrine of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre, La Salle High School, and Corpus Cristi Catholic Church, where he developed a mission to minister to underserved populations in Wynwood and Allapattah; and

WHEREAS, beyond his service as a Catholic priest, Father Menendez founded and now directs the Colonial Florida Cultural Heritage Center, where individuals can learn about Spain's influence over its colonies on the Western Hemisphere, and advocates for the defense of human rights in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Northwest 32nd Street between 7th Avenue and 7th Place is a city road located in the City of Miami; and

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

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

WHEREAS, this Board would also like to honor Father Menendez by approving the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of Northwest 32nd Street between 7th Avenue and 7th Place as "Father Jose Luis Menendez 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 32nd Street between 7th Avenue and 7th Place as "Father Jose Luis Menendez Street."

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send certified copies of this resolution to the Mayor and 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 Resource Department, the Miami Police Department, and the Miami Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez** , 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:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	absent	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of April, 2023. 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



LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

SMG

Sophia Guzzo



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Enactment Number: R-23-0061

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION BY 4/5THS VOTE CO-DESIGNATING NORTHWEST 32ND STREET BETWEEN 7TH AVENUE AND 7TH PLACE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS "FATHER JOSE LUIS MENENDEZ STREET;" FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICES.

SPONSOR(S): Commissioner Manolo Reyes, Commissioner Christine King

WHEREAS, Father José Luis Menendez was born in Havana, Cuba on May 8, 1947. He attended Belen School which is where he believes he developed his personal ideas to help others and where he discovered his purpose and mission in life; and

WHEREAS, his family was well known because of their H. Upmann cigar enterprises; and

WHEREAS, after the Castro revolution took control of Cuba, Father Menendez and his family left Cuba for Spain in September of 1960 where he received his education. It was there that he decided to follow a religious vocation and after his graduation from seminary studies was ordained as a priest in Madrid in 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 Father Menendez started a successful career as a priest in the Miami Archdiocese, and after serving in St. Mary's Cathedral in Miami he was assigned responsibilities as a priest at the Miami Shrine of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre (Ermita de la Caridad) and also at the La Salle High School. From 1982 to 1988 he also served as director of Pastoral Ministries for the Archdiocese of Miami; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 Father Menendez became the pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Miami, developing ministries among all the different ethnic groups in the area. During that time, he was able to start a mission with regular Sunday masses for the large Dominican population in Wynwood and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, while at Corpus Christi it was his goal to engage the community and create a place where the youth could develop culturally and learn more about God; and

WHEREAS, it was Father Menendez' desire to bring others closer to God and His Church which prompted him to build a chapel on the grounds of Corpus Christi Catholic Church that is a replica of a church in Peru; and

WHEREAS, he is the founder and director of Museo Colonial de la Florida (Florida Cultural Museum). Through his efforts visitors to Miami can also enjoy one of the largest collections of Peruvian colonial religious art to be found anywhere. The government of Peru conferred upon him the Order of Merit (Orden del Mérito); and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to describe religious and cultural work in the Cuban and Hispanic communities without including the outstanding work of Father José Luis Menéndez

and as a result, his ecumenical and Interfaith activities have been honored by all religious denominations. He has supported different activities in favor of the defense of human rights in his native country, and the King of Spain honored him with the prestigious medal-La Orden de Isabel la Católica; and

WHEREAS, Father Jose Luis Menendez is one of the best-known Cuban clergymen in South Florida and among Hispanics in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to honor Father Jose Luis Menendez' numerous contributions to the City of Miami by co-designating Northwest 32nd Street between 7th Avenue and 7th Place, Miami, Florida, as "Father Jose Luis Menendez Street;"

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

Section 1. The recitals and finding 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 by 4/5ths vote hereby co-designates that portion of Northwest 32 Street between 7th Avenue and 7th Place, Miami, Florida as "Father Jose Luis Menendez 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; and the United States Postal Service.

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

DATE:	1/26/2023
RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Joe Carollo, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Commissioner
AYES:	Christine King, Joe Carollo, 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-23-0061, passed by the City Commission on 1/26/2023.



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

February 6, 2023

Date Certified