

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

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

DATE: November 7, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating that
portion of the Rickenbacker
Causeway from Arthur Lamb Jr.
Road to Virginia Beach Drive as
“Tokitae Way”

Resolution No. R-962-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.


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County Attorney

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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 _____

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11-7-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-962-23

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF THE
RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY FROM ARTHUR LAMB JR.
ROAD TO VIRGINIA BEACH DRIVE AS “TOKITAE WAY”

WHEREAS, Tokitae, also known as Lolita or Toki, was an orca who entertained guests for more than 50 years at the Miami Seaquarium; and

WHEREAS, Tokitae was the name given to the orca by indigenous people in Washington state, who advocated for her to return to her native waters of Washington; and

WHEREAS, according to the Miami Herald, Tokitae passed away on August 25, 2023, from old age and multiple chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her death, Tokitae was being trained for a possible cross-country move to her native waters in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, Tokitae was beloved by generations of Miami-Dade County residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to memorialize Tokitae by codesignating a section of the Rickenbacker Causeway, from Arthur Lamb Jr. Road to Virginia Beach Drive as “Tokitae Way”; and

WHEREAS, that portion of the Rickenbacker Causeway, from Arthur Lamb Jr. Road to Virginia Beach Drive is a County-maintained road located the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 7,

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 the Rickenbacker Causeway, from Arthur Lamb Jr. Road to Virginia Beach Drive as “Tokitae Way”.

Section 2. Urges the City of Miami to join in this codesignation.

Section 3. 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 Resources Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of November, 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "mjs", is written over a horizontal line.

Melanie J. Spencer