

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(A)(1)

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


DATE: December 2, 2025

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the City
of Miami's codesignation of that
portion of Northwest 68th
Terrace between Northwest 14th
Avenue and Northwest 15th
Avenue as "Elliott's Way"

Resolution No. R-1132-25

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 ____, majority plus one ____, 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) ____, 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)
12-2-25

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-1132-25

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF MIAMI'S
CODESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF NORTHWEST
68TH TERRACE BETWEEN NORTHWEST 14TH AVENUE
AND NORTHWEST 15TH AVENUE AS "ELLIOTT'S WAY"

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2025, the City Commission of the City of Miami passed and adopted Resolution No. R-25-0439, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, which codesignated that portion of Northwest 68th Terrace between Northwest 14th Avenue and Northwest 15th Avenue as "Elliott's Way" in honor of Terry Elliott, Sr. and Sherria Elliott (the "Elliotts"); and

WHEREAS, the Elliotts, founders of The Ark of the City, Incorporated (also known as the "Ark of the City Foundation"), a Florida not-for-profit corporation, have dedicated their lives to serving the Liberty City community through philanthropy, mentorship, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Elliotts have provided consistent support to inner-city youth through cultural, educational, and community service initiatives for nearly two decades; and

WHEREAS the annual "Christmas on 15th Ave" parade and festival event, founded by the Elliotts, has brought joy to over 25,000 children over the past 18 years, offering toys, food, entertainment, and a sense of community during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, the Elliotts have created a lasting impact through additional initiatives such as the Wakanda Center, mentorship programs, and advocacy for social justice and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, because of Terry Elliott, Sr. and Sherria Elliott, the Ark of the City Foundation has become a cornerstone of community engagement in Liberty City, fostering unity among residents, empowering youth, and creating a safe and joyful space for families to gather and celebrate; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Northwest 68th Terrace between Northwest 14th Avenue and Northwest 15th Avenue is a city road maintained by the City of Miami and located within 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 each of the Elliotts by approving the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of Northwest 68th Terrace between Northwest 14th Avenue and Northwest 15th Avenue as "Elliott's Way",

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

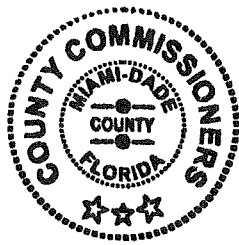
Section 1. Approves the City of Miami's codesignation of that portion of Northwest 68th Terrace between Northwest 14th Avenue and Northwest 15th Avenue as "Elliott's Way".

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

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon. It was offered by Commissioner **Danielle Cohen Higgins**, 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:

	Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye	
	Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye	
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	absent	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Vicki L. Lopez	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of December, 2025. 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.

Chiyel R. A. Hayles



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Certified Copy**

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File Number: 18306

Enactment Number: R-25-0439

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION, BY A FOUR-FIFTHS AFFIRMATIVE (4/5THS) VOTE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 54-137 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED ("CITY CODE"), WAIVING THE RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO NAMING STREETS AFTER LIVING INDIVIDUALS, CO-DESIGNATING NORTHWEST 68 TERRACE BETWEEN NORTHWEST 14 AVENUE AND NORTHWEST 15 AVENUE AS "ELLIOTT'S WAY," IN HONOR OF TERRY ELLIOTT, SR., AND SHERRIA ELLIOTT, FOUNDERS OF THE ARK OF THE CITY FOUNDATION, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIBERTY CITY COMMUNITY AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO UPLIFTING UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH THROUGH THE ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS ON 15TH AVE" EVENT; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THE CODESIGNATION; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE HEREIN DESIGNATED OFFICIALS.

SPONSOR(S): Mayor Francis X. Suarez

WHEREAS, Terry Elliott, Sr., and Sherria Elliott, ("Elliotts") founders of the Ark of the City Foundation, have dedicated their lives to serving the Liberty City community through philanthropy, mentorship, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Ark of the City Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2007, has provided consistent support to inner-city youth through cultural, educational, and community service initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the annual "Christmas on 15th Ave" Toys, Parade and Festival, founded by the Elliotts, has brought joy to over 25,000 children over the past 18 years, offering toys, food, entertainment, and a sense of community during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, the Elliotts have created a lasting impact through additional initiatives such as the Wakanda Center, mentorship programs, and advocacy for social justice and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami recognizes the importance of honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to the betterment of their communities and inspired future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Ark of the City Foundation has become a cornerstone of community engagement in Liberty City, fostering unity among residents, empowering youth, and creating a safe and joyful space for families to gather and celebrate; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 14317, adopted on September 26, 2024, provides that the restrictions related to street co-designations, including the naming of streets after living individuals, contained in Section 54-137 of the Code of the City of Miami, Florida ("City Code"), may be waived by a four-fifths (4/5ths) affirmative vote of the City Commissioners, or an unanimous vote of the quorum that exists because of either abstentions or vacancies resulting from resignation, death, suspension, or physical incapacitation; and

WHEREAS, the co-designation of "Elliott's Way" will serve as a lasting tribute to the Elliotts' legacy and a symbol of hope, resilience, and community pride for generations to come;

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

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 Miami City Commission, by a four-fifths (4/5ths) affirmative vote, waives the restrictions related to naming streets after living individuals, and hereby co-designates Northwest 68th Terrace between Northwest 14th Avenue and Northwest 15th Avenue as "Elliott's Way" as a lasting tribute to the Elliotts' legacy in the City of Miami.

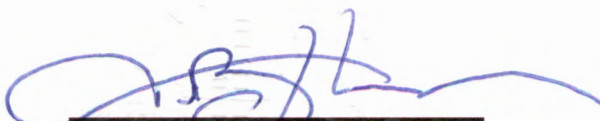
Section 3. That the City Manager is directed to take all necessary steps to implement this co-designation, including the installation of appropriate signage.

Section 4. 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 5. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DATE:	10/23/2025
RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Miguel Angel Gabela, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ralph "Rafael" Rosado, Commissioner
AYES:	Christine King, Joe Carollo, Miguel Angel Gabela, Damian Pardo, Ralph "Rafael" Rosado

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-25-0439, passed by the City Commission on 10/23/2025.



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

October 31, 2025
Date Certified