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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(E)

TO:	Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	February 18, 2026
FROM:	Geri Bonzon-Keenan County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution codesignating that portion of NW 60th Street from NW 22nd Avenue to the western boundary of the City of Miami as "Frederick Morley Way"; urging the City of Miami to codesignate that portion of NW 60th Street from the western boundary of the City of Miami to NW 17th Avenue as "Frederick Morley Way"; and approving such codesignation

Resolution No. R-93-26

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

for
Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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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 _____

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2-18-26

RESOLUTION NO. R-93-26

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF NW 60TH STREET FROM NW 22ND AVENUE TO THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF MIAMI AS "FREDERICK MORLEY WAY"; URGING THE CITY OF MIAMI TO CODESIGNATE THAT PORTION OF NW 60TH STREET FROM THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF MIAMI TO NW 17TH AVENUE AS "FREDERICK MORLEY WAY"; AND APPROVING SUCH CODESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Frederick Augustus Morley ("Dr. Morley") was an extraordinary leader whose distinguished career demonstrated service to others and a long-standing commitment to the value of education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morley was born on April 12, 1933; and

WHEREAS, prior to his becoming an educator, Dr. Morley attended Phyllis Wheatley Elementary, Booker T. Washington Junior and Senior High School, Florida A&M University ("FAMU"), and several other institutions of higher learning such as Mercer University, Michigan State University and Barry University; and

WHEREAS, at FAMU, Dr. Morley majored in education, minored in music, and was a member of the FAMU Marching 100, a premier collegiate marching band renowned for its joint emphasis on scholastic and artistic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morley's professional career began as a fifth-grade teacher at Poinciana Elementary where he not only helped students to excel academically, especially in mathematics, but also established the first elementary marching band in the county; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Dr. Morley became principal of Charles R. Drew Elementary School, where he faithfully served the interests of countless children and families for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morley directed Charles R. Drew to several noteworthy accomplishments, such as becoming the first elementary Performing Arts Magnet School and the first elementary school to offer Saturday School for enrichment, enhancement and extra academic assistance for students; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Morley's bold and innovative leadership, Charles R. Drew established a Career Lab, a schoolwide uniform policy, a full-service health school, and even a recording studio; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morley has been honored or otherwise recognized many times before, for example, in receiving FAMU's "Meritorious Achievement Award", the University of Florida's "Achievement Award", and Miami-Dade County's "First Principal of the Year" award, or by making appearances in The Miami Herald, Time Magazine, The New York Times, ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC, MSNBC, and the Phil Donahue Show; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morley was a member of the Church of the Incarnation where he served as director of the Handbell Choir, and of various community organizations such as Partners in Education, the Progressive Marching Band, the Shriners, Phi Mu Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, the Inner-City Foundation, and the Rotary Club of Hialeah-Miami Springs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Morley passed away on February 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Juanita, his sons, a granddaughter, a great-grandson, a sister, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to honor Dr. Morley's significant contributions to our community by codesignating that portion of NW 60th Street from NW 22nd Avenue to the western boundary of the City of Miami as "Frederick Morley Way", and by urging the City of Miami to codesignate that portion of NW 60th Street from the western boundary of the City of Miami to NW 17th Avenue as "Frederick Morley Way"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of NW 60th Street between NW 17th Avenue and NW 22nd Avenue would be a fitting location for such honorary designations as it is adjacent to Charles R. Drew Elementary, the school at which Dr. Morley gave so much of himself; and

WHEREAS, that portion of NW 60th Street from NW 22nd Avenue to the western boundary of the City of Miami is a County-maintained road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, and that portion of NW 60th Street from the western boundary of the City of Miami to NW 17th Avenue is a City-maintained road located within the City of Miami; and

WHEREAS, these proposed codesignations are in County Commission District 3,

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

Section 1. Having considered the matter at a public hearing, codesignates that portion of NW 60th Street from NW 22nd Avenue to the western boundary of the City of Miami as "Frederick Morley Way".

Section 2. Urges the City of Miami to codesignate that portion of NW 60th Street from the western boundary of the City of Miami to NW 17th Avenue as "Frederick Morley Way", and approves such codesignation.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit 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 Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department, the City of Miami Police Department, and the City of Miami Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Keon Hardemon. It was offered by Commissioner **Roberto J. Gonzalez**, 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:

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	**aye**	Keon Hardemon	**aye**
Danielle Cohen Higgins	**aye**	Vicki L. Lopez	**aye**
Natalie Milian Orbis	**aye**	Raquel A. Regalado	**aye**
Micky Steinberg	**aye**		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of February, 2026. 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. DJT

Daniel J. Thwaites