

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE CO-NAMING OF THE PORTION OF 14TH STREET LOCATED BETWEEN WASHINGTON AVENUE AND OCEAN DRIVE AS "ANDY SWEET STREET," SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CO-NAMING BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1, RULE 9.02 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2022-4478, amending Section 82-503(c) of the City Code to provide for additional criteria for the co-naming of streets in honor of a deceased photographer who documented the life and residents of Miami Beach, such as Andy Sweet; and

WHEREAS, Andrew John Sweet was an American photographer known for his documentary photography and street photography of the life and residents of South Beach, with a particular focus on the Jewish community, many of them Holocaust survivors; and

WHEREAS, Sweet was born in Miami Beach and attended Miami Beach Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Sweet returned home to Miami Beach after receiving a Masters degree in Fine Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1977, to photograph the old world Jewish culture that then distinguished South Beach; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Sweet's life and his art were cut tragically short when he was murdered at the age of 29; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Herald Tropic Magazine ran a cover story on his death and documentary photography, writing that "[t]hough young, Sweet was virtually an institution on the Beach, having made thousands of images of the place and the people."; and

WHEREAS, Sweet's work was appreciated by other documentary photographers --- nationally famed photographer Mary Ellen Mark praised his "strong, humorous, and beautiful images," and wrote that his body of work was "unprecedented for someone so young...He definitely would have gone on to make many more wonderful images and to become a real photographic force;" and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2016, the Mayor and City Commission voted to erect a plaque in the Art Deco District in Mr. Sweet's honor; and

WHEREAS, Sweet left an extensive body of work that exhibits a level of creative maturity far beyond his years, and his photographs are a testimony to a rich but often overlooked period of Miami Beach's cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, at its March 23, 2022 meeting, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee considered and recommended for the Mayor and City Commission to co-name a portion of 14th Street located between Washington Avenue and Ocean Drive as "Andy Sweet Street"; and

WHEREAS, as 14th Street is a platted, public road, the proposed co-naming must be approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Rule 9.02 of Section 2-1 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, and approve, by 5/7th vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the co-naming of the portion of 14th Street located between Washington Avenue and Ocean Drive as "Andy Sweet Street," subject to final approval of the co-naming by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with Section 2-1, rule 9.02 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2022.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney *fr*

5-27-22

Date