

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 MEETING, TO APPROVE THE NAMING OF THE NORTH SHORE BASEBALL FIELDS, WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN NORTH SHORE PARK AND YOUTH CENTER, IN MEMORY OF MANNY LAFONT, A VICTIM OF THE SURFSIDE CONDO COLLAPSE; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 27, 2021, PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-503 OF THE CITY CODE, TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED NAME BY A 5/7THS VOTE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 82-503(a)(5).

**WHEREAS**, during the July 28, 2021 City Commission meeting, a referral to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee ("NQLC") was made to hold a discussion regarding naming the North Shore Baseball fields after Manny LaFont, a victim of the Surfside condo collapse; and

**WHEREAS**, at the September 20, 2021 NQLC meeting, the Committee gave a positive recommendation and supported the request to name the baseball fields after Mr. LaFont; and

**WHEREAS**, Manny LaFont, father and North Shore Park baseball coach, lost his life at the age of 54 during the tragic Surfside condo collapse on June 24, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. LaFont was a parishioner at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Miami Beach where his children attended school; and

**WHEREAS**, North Shore Park was Mr. LaFont's second home, where he coached his son's baseball team and shared his lifelong passion; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. LaFont was known to have deeply cared about the development of all the athletes he coached and across the field; and

**WHEREAS**, upon Mr. LaFont's passing, the kind gesture of naming the North Shore Baseball Fields was proposed, in recognition of Mr. LaFont's dedication to his community.

**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 Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee, at its September 20, 2021 meeting, approving the naming of the North Shore Park Baseball Fields, located within the North Shore Park and Youth Center, in memory of Manny LaFont, victim of the Surfside Condo Collapse; set a Public Hearing on October 27, 2021, pursuant to Section 82-503 of the City Code, to consider whether to approve the proposed

name by a 5/7th vote; and direct the City Clerk to provide public notice of the hearing consistent with the requirements of Section 82-503(a)(5).

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LANGUAGE AND FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney NK

10-5-21  
Date