

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, BY 5/7<sup>TH</sup> VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, THE CO-NAMING OF 19TH STREET, LOCATED BETWEEN MERIDIAN AVENUE AND MUHAMMAD ALI WAY, AS “ELIE WIESEL 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 September 17, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2021-4439, which amended the criteria for the co-naming of City streets in Section 82-503(c) of the City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the new criteria set forth in Section 82-503(c) of the City Code provides that streets in the City may be co-named streets in honor of prominent Jewish figures who made significant civic contributions to Jewish history and/or Jewish-related initiatives, such as Elie Wiesel; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the request of Commissioner David Richardson, the co-naming of 19th Street, located between Meridian Avenue and Muhammad Ali Way, as “Elie Wiesel Street” was referred to the Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee (“NQLC”) for the Committee’s consideration and review; and

**WHEREAS**, Elie Wiesel was a Romanian-born Jewish writer and Holocaust survivor who provided the world with an invaluable firsthand account of the horrors that the Jewish people had endured and remains an integral part of Holocaust literature; and

**WHEREAS**, during his lifetime, Mr. Wiesel was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his significant civic contributions to Jewish history and Jewish-related initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, co-naming 19<sup>th</sup> Street, located between Meridian Avenue and Muhammad Ali Way, would be appropriate and fitting due to its proximity to the City’s Holocaust Memorial, a striking, beautiful memorial built for the remembrance of lives taken not only during the Holocaust but for the promotion of tolerance and human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, at its October 29, 2021 meeting, the NQLC considered the request for the co-naming of 19<sup>th</sup> Street as “Elie Wiesel Street” and without making a recommendation on the merits, directed for this proposal to be fully considered by the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach, after the

duly noticed public hearing on December 8, 2021, considered the co-naming request, and approved the co-naming of 19th Street, located between Meridian Avenue, and Muhammad Ali Way as "Elie Wiesel Street" by a 5/7<sup>th</sup> vote; and

**WHEREAS**, as 19th Street, located between Meridian Avenue, and Muhammad Ali Way, 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 approve, by 5/7<sup>th</sup> vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the co-naming 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Meridian Avenue, and Muhammad Ali Way, as "Elie Wiesel 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney 

11-22-21  
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Date