

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(G)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 18, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution codesignating, by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, that portion of Southwest 268th Street (Moody Drive) between U.S. Route 1 and Southwest 142nd Avenue as "Desmond Meade Street"

Resolution No. R-538-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee.


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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 ____, 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) ____, or 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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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-538-24

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING, BY A THREE-FIFTHS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, THAT PORTION OF SOUTHWEST 268TH STREET (MOODY DRIVE) BETWEEN U.S. ROUTE 1 AND SOUTHWEST 142ND AVENUE AS “DESMOND MEADE STREET”

WHEREAS, Desmond Meade (“Meade”) was born in the U.S. Virgin Islands on July 22, 1967, and moved with his parents to Miami, Florida at the age of five; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from high school in 1985, Meade joined the United States Army as a helicopter mechanic; and

WHEREAS, after enduring through and overcoming personal obstacles, Meade enrolled in Miami-Dade College while living in a homeless shelter, graduating in 2010 with the school’s highest honors; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Meade became the head of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (“FRRC”), a group aimed at restoring civil rights to felons in Florida who had completed their sentences and probation; and

WHEREAS, Meade enrolled in the Florida International University College of Law, from where he graduated in 2013; and

WHEREAS, as President and Executive Director of FRRC, Meade led the drive to qualify the “Voting Restoration Amendment” as a ballot initiative for the 2018 Florida elections, collecting 799,000 signatures; and

WHEREAS, after the initiative was approved for the November 2018 ballot, the amendment passed, as Florida Amendment 4, with 64.55 percent of the vote; and

WHEREAS, having the effect of restoring the voting rights to over 1.4 million Floridians with past felony convictions, Amendment 4 represented the single largest expansion of voting rights in the United States in half a century, and brought an end to 150 years of a Jim Crow-era law in Florida; and

WHEREAS, named Floridian and Central Floridian of the Year in 2019, and having been also recognized by Time Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World for 2019, Meade presently leads efforts to empower and civically re-engage local communities across the state, and to reshape local, state, and national criminal justice policies; and

WHEREAS, a sought-after speaker, Meade has made numerous appearances on radio and television, including Al-Jazeera, Democracy NOW, MSNBC with Joy Ann Reid, FOX News with Dana Perino and Tucker Carlson, Samantha Bee, and All In with Chris Hayes; and

WHEREAS, Meade orchestrated a historic meeting at the White House during President Obama's administration, has testified before Congressional members and staffers, and was a part of a delegation to the United Nations where he gave testimony regarding disenfranchisement in Florida; and

WHEREAS, today, among his proudest achievements, Meade is a husband and father to five beautiful children; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Southwest 268th Street (Moody Drive) between U.S. Route 1 and Southwest 142nd Avenue is a County-maintained road located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, this codesignation is in County Commission District 9; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9.02(d) of the Board’s Rules of Procedure provides that the Commission may, by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, name a County road, facility or property after a living individual who has not served as an elected official within the past five years and who “has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community,”

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this resolution and this Board finds that Desmond Meade has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to this community pursuant to Rule 9.02(d).

Section 2. Having considered this matter at a public hearing and by a three-fifths vote of Board members present, this Board codesignates that portion of Southwest 268th Street (Moody Drive) between U.S. Route 1 and Southwest 142nd Avenue as “Desmond Meade Street”.

Section 3. This Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to 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 County Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee. It was offered by Commissioner **Raquel A. Regalado** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	absent
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	absent	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of June, 2024. 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.

D.P.C

Dale P. Clarke