RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, CO-DESIGNATING A PORTION OF NORTHWEST 131ST STREET, FROM 7TH AVENUE EAST TO NORTH MIAMI AVENUE, AS "LT. DONALD FRANCIS GAUGHAN WAY" (A FALLEN FIREFIGHTER); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE AND EXPEND THE REQUIRED FUNDS TO COVER THE COST FOR SIGNAGE, AND TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CO-DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Donald Francis Gaughan ("Lieutenant Gaughan") a native of Chicago, Illinois, enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, during his enlistment he served as a firefighter both while on active duty, and as a reservist; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1956 he moved to South Florida to get away from the blistering cold weather of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Gaughan quickly applied to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a career firefighter and that dream not only let him to his career of choice, but he also met his wife-to-be Donna in the personnel office when he was applying for the position; and

WHEREAS, Donna and Lieutenant Gaughan married in 1957 and had three (3) beautiful children, Donald Brian, Bonnie, and Brady; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Gaughan dedicated himself to the firefighting service and to helping the newer generation of firefighters to exceed by teaching at the fire college on his days off; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning of June 23, 1980, Lieutenant Gaughan responded to a warehouse fire located at 1300 NW 74th Street where he would ultimately lose his life in the line of duty, while leading his four (4) firefighters inside the warehouse which was strewn with broken furniture, debris, and hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Gaughan will never be forgotten for his selfless service on that tragic day; and

WHEREAS, on this day we honor Lieutenant Gaughan by renaming a portion of Northwest 131st Street in memory and in honor of his selfless act of heroism, performing the duties he swore to uphold and perform, if and when the time came; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his ultimate sacrifice for the public good, the Mayor and City Council wish to co-designate a portion of Northwest 131st Street, from 7th Avenue east to North Miami Avenue, as "LT. DONALD FRANCIS GAUGHAN WAY".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Approval of Street Co-Designation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby co-designate a portion of Northwest 131st Street, from 7th Avenue east to North Miami Avenue, as "LT. DONALD FRANCIS GAUGHAN WAY"

Section 2. **Authorization of the City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to allocate and expend the required funds to cover the cost for signage, and to do all things necessary to effectuate the co-designation.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 23rd day of August, 2016.

DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINSTRATION

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.	X (Yes)	____ (No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme	X (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	X (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.	X (Yes)	____ (No)
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime	X (Yes)	____ (No)