

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Arthur H. Sorey, III, Interim City Manager



Date: March 22, 2016

RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, CO-DESIGNATING A PORTION OF NORTHEAST 146TH STREET BETWEEN THE FEC RAILWAY AND NORTHEAST 18TH AVENUE TO BE KNOWN AS "MICHAEL DEZER WAY"; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE AND EXPEND THE REQUIRED FUNDS TO COVER THE COSTS FOR SIGNAGE, AND TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CO-DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is requesting that the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby co-designate a portion of Northeast 146th Street between the Florida East Coast (FEC) railway and Northeast 18th Avenue to be known as "MICHAEL DEZER WAY".

**BACKGROUND**

Mr. Michael Dezer immigrated to the United States in 1962 and founded Dezer Properties in 1970. In 2011, the Miami Auto Museum at the Dezer Collection was opened in the City of North Miami bringing some fifteen thousand (15,000) visitors each year to this major attraction. For many years, Mr. Dezer has remained a staunch supporter of various charities and has hosted many events at his Museum to raise funds and awareness for important community efforts. The Dezer Family Foundation, founded about ten (10) years ago, has been active in a wide range of charitable efforts. The foundation has awarded grants ranging from Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to One million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each year, including the funding of scholarships at leading universities, and providing economic aid to schools in South Florida.

**ATTACHMENT(s)**

Proposed Resolution

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, CO-DESIGNATING A PORTION OF NORTHEAST 146<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN THE FEC RAILWAY AND NORTHEAST 18<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO BE KNOWN AS “MICHAEL DEZER WAY”; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE AND EXPEND THE REQUIRED FUNDS TO COVER THE COSTS FOR SIGNAGE, AND TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CO-DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Michael Dezer immigrated to the United States in 1962 and founded Dezer Properties in 1970, quickly becoming a prominent New York City commercial real estate company playing a crucial role in the development of the highly regarded Chelsea district; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dezer is now one of the largest oceanfront property owners in Sunny Isles Beach, representing one of the largest holders of developable beachfront property in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the Miami Auto Museum at the Dezer Collection (“Museum”) was opened in the City of North Miami (“City”) bringing some fifteen thousand (15,000) visitors each year to this major attraction; and

**WHEREAS**, for many years, Mr. Dezer has remained a staunch supporter of various charities and has hosted many events at his Museum to raise funds and awareness for important community efforts, including the International Rescue Committee, the Israeli Consulate for Hispanic Affairs, and the Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces, the Police Athletic League of North Miami and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers South Florida Chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dezer Family Foundation, founded about ten (10) years ago, has been active in a very wide range of charitable efforts, awarding grants ranging from Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to One million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each year, including the funding of scholarships at leading universities, and providing economic aid to schools in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his continuing dedication and commitment to the City and all its residents, the Mayor and City Council wish to co-designate a portion of Northeast 146<sup>th</sup> Street between the FEC railway and Northeast 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be known as “MICHAEL DEZER WAY”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council desire to authorize the Interim City Manager to allocate and expend the necessary funds to cover the costs of any and all signs to indicate the designation of said street as “MICHAEL DEZER 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 Northeast 146<sup>th</sup> Street between the FEC railway and Northeast 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be known as “MICHAEL DEZER WAY”.

**Section 2. Authorization of the Interim City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the Interim City Manager to allocate and expend the required funds to cover the costs 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 \_\_\_\_\_ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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DR. SMITH JOSEPH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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ROLAND C. GALDOS, ESQ.  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR SMITH JOSEPH, D.O., PHARM. D.

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote:**

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.  
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme  
Councilman Scott Galvin  
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.  
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime

\_\_\_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)  
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