

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING N.W. 128th STREET FROM N.W. 10th AVENUE TO N.W. 11th AVENUE TO BE KNOWN AS “ARTHUR H. “DUKE” SOREY, JR. STREET”; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE AND EXPEND THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO COVER THE COSTS FOR SIGNAGE, AND DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a native of Miami, Florida, Arthur H. Sorey, Jr. (“Duke”) has been a resident of North Miami for over thirty-five (35) years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Miami Northwestern Senior High School, he enlisted in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, during his eight (8) years in the Army, Duke’s military experience included a tour in Vietnam and attendance at several prestigious military academies; and

WHEREAS, after his move to North Miami in 1978, Duke started coaching baseball with the National Little League Association, as well as football and soccer with the North Miami Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, his volunteer service included twelve (12) years of coaching, as well as service to the North Miami Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the National Little League Association, where he served as Vice President from 1993-1995; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, his desire to serve his community expanded with his involvement in the Sunkist Grove Homeowners Association Board, where he served as President in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Duke served on the North Miami City Council for District 4 from 1995-1999, making him the first Black elected official in North Miami; and

WHEREAS, among his accomplishments while serving on City Council, Duke was responsible for the Eight Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$800,000) renovation of Thomas Sasso Pool, creating a crime suppression unit in the City to target street and drug crimes, proposed and saw

through the creation of a computer lab at the Westside Community Center to offer free computer classes to the public, was instrumental towards the erection of the street closures along NW 17 Avenue to protect the area residents, and served as Chairman of the Civil Services Rules Committee; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism is a strong trait in the Sorey family, evidenced by Duke's service on the North Miami Personnel Board, the North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency, a representative for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Coordinator for the United States Postal Service Food Drive, during his thirty-three (33) year career in the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, together with his wife of over forty (40) years, Dorethea Sorey, Duke raised three (3) children: Arthur "Duke Jr." Sorey III, Andre Sorey and Anitra Sorey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to authorize the 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 "ARTHUR H. "DUKE" SOREY, JR. STREET."

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

Section 1. **Approval of Street Designation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby designate N.W. 128th Street from N.W. 10th Avenue to N.W. 11th Avenue to be known as "ARTHUR H. "DUKE" SOREY, JR. STREET."

Section 2. **Authorization of City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida hereby authorize the City Manager to allocate and expend the necessary funds to cover the costs for signage, and do all things necessary to effectuate the 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 22nd day of February, 2022.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Estimé-Irvin

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime

X (Yes) (No)

Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) (No)

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) (No)