

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-2

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RE-
DESIGNATING N.E. 20th AVENUE FROM N.E. 149TH
STREET TO N.E. 150TH STREET CURRENTLY KNOWN AS
“SESAME STREET” TO BE KNOWN AS “BERNARD
“BENNY” KLEPACH AVENUE”; 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, Bernard “Benny” Klepach, distinguished as the Chairman and CEO of 3Sixty Duty Free & More, has made a significant impact both in the business world and in various philanthropic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, under his visionary leadership, the company has achieved remarkable growth, with revenues now exceeding \$700 million and operations spread across five continents with over 800 employees; and

WHEREAS, Bernard “Benny” Klepach's commitment to public service and community development is evident in that he has served on boards for Mount Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic and the Miami Transplant Institute at Jackson Memorial Hospital bringing his leadership and insights to the forefront of healthcare as well as serving as the Mayor of Indian Creek Village; and

WHEREAS, a champion of philanthropy, for many causes such as law enforcement and education, Klepach has been instrumental in supporting educational initiatives and infrastructure development in Haiti, including funding school buses and building schools and also extends his generosity to children's hospitals and many other charities; and

WHEREAS, Benny Klepach, as Chairman and CEO of 3Sixty Duty Free & More, has been a driving force in the duty-free retail industry; and

WHEREAS, he established the company in 1987 and has since expanded its reach to include various international airlines and airport and ground-based retail businesses; and

WHEREAS, Klepach's career has been marked by his pioneering vision, leading to significant advancements in areas like e-commerce and home delivery platforms with his experience, spanning over three decades, he has been instrumental in fostering successful partnerships across different business sectors and

WHEREAS, apart from his professional endeavors, Klepach is deeply connected to his roots and community; and

WHEREAS, a son of Cuban-born immigrants, he studied Business Administration at the University of Miami; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to community service is evident through his many awards and accolades. His passions extend beyond work, enjoying activities such as spending time in nature, fishing, and family time; 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 “BERNARD “BENNY” KLEPACH AVENUE”.

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.E. 20th Avenue from N.E. 149th Street to N.E. 150th Street to be known as “BERNARD “BENNY” KLEPACH AVENUE”.

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 23rd day of January, 2024.

Alix Desulme
ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST :

V.J.
VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

J.P. Cazeau
JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DESULME

Moved by: Estimé-Irvin

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.
Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

(Yes) _____ (No)
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