

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RE-DESIGNATING N.E. 20<sup>th</sup> AVENUE FROM N.E. 149<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO N.E. 150<sup>TH</sup> 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. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue from N.E. 149<sup>th</sup> Street to N.E. 150<sup>th</sup> 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, ED.D.  
MAYOR

ATTEST :

  
VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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.

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