

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,
DESIGNATING N.W. 126 STREET FROM N.W. 5 AVENUE
TO N.W. 6 AVENUE TO BE KNOWN AS "BLANCA M.
COBO STREET"; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM 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, Blanca M. Cobo was born in Havana, Cuba on October 18, 1940; and

WHEREAS, Blanca M. Cobo attended high school and college in Miami, Florida, being in the first graduating class of Southwest High School in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Blanca M. Cobo started her banking career in 1963 at Coral Gables First National Bank and continued in 1965 with Peoples First National Bank of Miami Shores for 17 years which was later acquired by Jay Kislak in 1982 as Kislak National Bank continuing her career as Branch Manager and Vice President of their North Miami Office; and

WHEREAS, the bank was purchased in 2005 by Banco Popular of Puerto Rico (later changing their name to Popular Bank) where she worked until May of 2016 when she retired after 53 years in the banking field; and

WHEREAS, as a resident of the City of North Miami since 1966, Blanca M. Cobo has participated with the following organizations: President and Board member of the North Miami Chamber of Commerce (Now Honorary board member), awarded Key to the City of North Miami 2012 and 2015, served as North Miami Mayors Economic Task Force as Treasurer, current Member of the North Miami Public Library board, current Board Member Friends of the North Miami Library, current member of the North Miami CRA Advisory Board, and Board Member and Vice President of the North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens Services for the last 25 years and was awarded and recognized for her time and dedication in May, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Blanca M. Cobo received an award from the City of North Miami as one of the top 10 Women for Community Services; and

WHEREAS, On September 25, 2018, Blanca M. Cobo received an award from the City of North Miami during the Hispanic Heritage Month for recognition of participating and giving back to the community for so many years; and

WHEREAS, Blanca M. Cobo was honored by the South Florida Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce for Hispanic Heritage Month in September of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Blanca M. Cobo was honored by Friends of the Library for leadership and community trailblazer in October of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Blanca M. Cobo was honored by the City of North Miami in March of 2024 for Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Blanca M. Cobo is active with the JCC-Jewish Federation participating as a volunteer at different events during the year; and

WHEREAS, Blanca M. Cobo is the proud parent of Ana Maria Cobo, Michael Cobo, and Jorge Cobo, a proud grandmother to her grandchildren: Mia Cobo, Caden Cobo, Kaitlyn Cobo, Rianna Cobo, and Ilan Cobo, and was the loyal wife to Miguel "Frank Cobo until his death in June of 2024; 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 "BLANCA M. COBO 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. 126th Street from N.W. 5 Avenue to N.W. 6 Avenue to be known as "BLANCA M. COBO STREET."

Section 2. Authorization of 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 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 25th day of March, 2025.



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: Desulme

Seconded by: Charles

Vote:

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

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