

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-111**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,  
DESIGNATING N.E. 134 STREET FROM N.E. 9 AVENUE  
TO WEST DIXIE HIGHWAY TO BE KNOWN AS "GEPSIE  
M. METELLUS 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**, Gepsie M. Metellus is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Haitian Neighborhood Center Sant La, an award-winning neighborhood resource center that serves as a lifeline for the Haitian immigrant population of South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, her community involvement spans over two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Gepsie M. Metellus currently serves on the Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent's Business Advisory Council and the Miami-Dade School Bond Oversight Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Gepsie M. Metellus is an active member of the Miami Chapter of the International Women's Forum and the Greater Miami Chapter of the Links Inc.; 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 "GEPSIE M. METELLUS 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.E. 134<sup>th</sup> Street from N.E. 9 Avenue to West Dixie Highway to be known as "GEPSIE M. METELLUS 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 13th day of May, 2025.

  
ALIX DESULME, ED.D.  
MAYOR

ATTEST :

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR TIMOTHE

CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN BURNS AND COUNCILWOMAN ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Desulme

**Vote:**

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No) _____
Vice Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No) _____
Councilman Kevin A. Burns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No) _____
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No) _____
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No) _____