

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, CO-DESIGNATING A PORTION OF NORTHWEST 125 STREET FROM NORTHWEST 7TH AVENUE TO NORTHWEST 17TH AVENUE TO BE KNOWN AS “JOSEPH EMMANUEL CHARLEMAGNE WAY”; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE AND EXPEND THE REQUIRED FUNDS TO COVER THE COSTS FOR SIGNAGE, AND TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE CO-DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Emmanuel Charlemagne was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on April 14, 1948 and grew up in Carrefour, Haiti, a city south of the capital, where he was influenced much by the songs of the peasants who moved into the area in search of a livelihood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charlemagne was known as a Haitian political folk singer, songwriter, acoustic guitarist, political activist and politician; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charlemagne took up guitar and singing at the age of 16 and later formed a band named *Les Remarquables* and formed a Twobadou band known as *Les Trouveres*; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, after the fall of the Duvalier regime, Mr. Charlemagne organized a youth group and choir in his old neighborhood of Carrefour, Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charlemagne was elected Mayor of Port-au-Prince, Haiti in 1995, where he served for four years, representing around 2.5 million people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charlemagne was targeted by assassins, jailed multiple times and forced into exile twice for his democratic views and activism for human rights; and

WHEREAS, he was often described as Haiti’s Bob Marley for the power of his lyrics, which included parables and metaphors that conveyed the rage and despair of those who lived in the Western Hemisphere’s poorest nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charlemagne largely disdained politics, dedicating the rest of his life to music and was a frequent performer at the Miami Beach restaurant, Tap Tap; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charlemagne passed away on December 10, 2017 after a diagnosis of

multiple forms of cancer at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the community, the Mayor and City Council wish to co-designate a portion of Northwest 125th Street from Northwest 7th Avenue to Northeast 17th Avenue to be known as “JOSEPH EMMANUEL CHARLEMAGNE WAY”; 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 JOSEPH EMMANUEL CHARLEMAGNE WAY”.

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

Section 1. Approval of Street Co-Designation. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby co-designate a portion of Northwest 125th Street from Northwest 7th Avenue to Northwest 17th Avenue to be known as JOSEPH EMMANUEL CHARLEMAGNE WAY”.

Section 2. Authorization of the City Manager. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to allocate and expend the required funds to cover the costs for signage, and to do all things necessary to effectuate the co-designation.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 3-1 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 26th day of March, 2019.

DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR SMITH JOSEPH

Moved by: Mayor Joseph

Seconded by: Bien- Aime

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.
Vice Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilman Alix Desulme

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_____	(Yes)	_____	(No) Absent