

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING, BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, CO-NAMING OF 12TH STREET BETWEEN OCEAN DRIVE AND WASHINGTON AVENUE AS "NAOMI WILZIG WAY," SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CO-NAMING BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1, RULE 9.02 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE.

WHEREAS, at the October 18, 2023 City Commission meeting, an item sponsored by Vice-Mayor Laura Dominguez and co-sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez was referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC") to discuss the co-naming of 12th Street between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue in honor of Naomi Wilzig, an American erotic art collector and the founder and director of the World Erotic Art Museum in Miami Beach, along with any amendment to Section 82-503 of the City Code that may be required to accomplish the co-naming; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2024 the Mayor and City Commission adopted an ordinance amending Section 82-503(c) of the City Code to provide for additional criteria for the co-naming of a street in honor of a deceased internationally renowned art collector who significantly contributed to the City's arts and culture, such as Naomi Wilzig; and

WHEREAS, Naomi Wilzig was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1934 and in the early 1950s she married Siggie Wilzig, an Auschwitz survivor and an early leader of the U.S. Holocaust Museum, as well as president of the Trust Company of New Jersey until his death in 2003; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Wilzig began collecting erotic art for herself, and between 2003 and 2005 she accumulated more than 4,000 pieces from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Wilzig's personal collection became the base of the World Erotic Art Museum in Miami Beach, which opened in 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Wilzig was honored with the Key to the City of Miami Beach. In 2011, the City of Miami Beach proclaimed October 16 "World Erotic Art Museum Day" in honor of Wilzig's museum's fifth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality presented Wilzig with "Doctor of Arts Honors Causa Sexuality/Erotology"; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2011, the City issued a proclamation declaring it "Naomi Wilzig Day" at her public investiture of her doctorate degree ceremony; and

WHEREAS, as 12th Street is a platted, public road, the proposed co-naming must be approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Rule 9.02 of Section 2-1 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, and approve, by 5/7th vote, following a duly noticed public hearing, the co-naming of 12th Street between Ocean Drive and Washington Avenue as "Naomi Wilzig Way," subject to final approval of the co-naming by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with Section 2-1, rule 9.02 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

Steven Meiner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Vice-Mayor Laura Dominguez
Co-sponsored by Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

7/10/2024

Date