

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS MAY 14, 2025 MEETING, AND APPROVING BY 5/7TH VOTE, FOLLOWING A DULY NOTICED HEARING, THE CO-NAMING OF THE PORTION OF 28TH STREET FROM SHERIDAN AVENUE TO PRAIRIE AVENUE AS "RABBI YISROEL GROSZ WAY," SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CO-NAMING BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 201, RULE 9.02 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE.

WHEREAS, at the April 23, 2025 City Commission meeting, at the request of Commissioner Alex Fernandez, the City Commission referred an agenda item (C4 K) to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC" or "Committee") to discuss co-naming the portion of 28 Street from Sheridan Avenue to Prairie Avenue in honor of the late Rabbi Yisroel Yaakov (Yoikel) Grosz ("Rabbi Grosz"); and

WHEREAS, at the May 14, 2025 PSNQLC meeting, the Committee discussed this item and passed a motion recommending to co-name the portion of 28 Street from Sheridan Avenue to Prairie Avenue as "Rabbi Yisroel Grosz Way" in honor of the late Rabbi Yisroel Grosz and that the Administration bring a Resolution accepting the Committee's recommendation to the May 21, 2025 City Commission meeting for consideration; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Grosz was a revered spiritual leader, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather; a Holocaust survivor whose unwavering faith and resilience shaped a life of extraordinary purpose; and

WHEREAS, born into a very strong, religious family deeply rooted in Torah, love, and tradition, his early years were filled with the warmth of learning in cheder and the strength of faith. However, the world around him soon crumbled, and at just nine (9) years old, he was thrust into the horrors of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, taken from his home and stripped of his freedom, Rabbi Grosz endured the unimaginable suffering of Bergen-Belsen and Terezín (Theresienstadt). After liberation, young Rabbi Grosz crossed war-torn Europe to reunite with his family, an act of sheer determination and yet another miracle in his remarkable journey; and

WHEREAS, immigrating to America, Rabbi Grosz rebuilt his life with love and faith, marrying his beloved wife, Bella, and raising a beautiful family—Suzy, Rafael, and Dina, instilling in them the values of Torah and chesed (loving-kindness). Rabbi Grosz built a successful business that provided for many Holocaust survivors, embodying his lifelong mission to uplift others; and

WHEREAS, settling in the City of Miami Beach, Rabbi Grosz became a pillar of his community, known for his profound Torah scholarship, boundless compassion, and steadfast commitment to his shul; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Grosz's faith was not merely a belief, it was a way of life. Rabbi Grosz found solace in davening and in the pages of the Gemara, always eager to share wisdom and inspiration; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Grosz lived by example, teaching that holiness is not the absence of struggle, but the ability to find Hashem within it. Despite witnessing the worst of humanity, Rabbi Grosz's words were never filled with hate, but with a solemn determination to build a better, more compassionate world; and

WHEREAS, 28th Street is a platted, public road, the proposed co-naming must be approved by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioner pursuant to Rule 9.02 of the Section 2-1 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee, at its May 14, 2025 meeting, and approve, by 5/7th vote, following a duly noticed hearing, the co-naming of the portion of 28th Street from Sheridan Avenue to Prairie Avenue as "Rabbi Yisroel Grosz Way," subject to final approval of the co-naming by Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with Section 201, Rule 9.02 of the Miami-Dade County Code.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 21 day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

5/16/2025

Date