

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: November 20, 2024

TITLE: 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, MADE AT ITS NOVEMBER 13, 2024 MEETING, AND APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE, LOCATED ON 3RD STREET AND THE BEACHWALK, IN HONOR OF ROBERT RAVEN KRAFT; AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 11, 2024, PURSUANT TO SECTION 82-504 OF THE CITY CODE, TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE BY A 5/7TH VOTE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 82-504 (A)(6).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends adopting the Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC" or the "Committee") to establish a commemorative plaque in honor of Robert "Raven" Kraft.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

On October 30, 2024, the Mayor and City Commission approved the referral of item C4 AE, sponsored by Commissioner Rosen-Gonzalez, and co-sponsored by Commissioner Dominguez, Commissioner Bhatt, Commissioner Magazine and Commissioner Fernandez, to the PSNQLC to discuss installing a plaque on the Beachwalk in honor Robert "Raven" Kraft.

### **ANALYSIS**

On December 30, 2024, Robert "Raven" Kraft will be celebrating running daily on the same path for 50 years on Miami Beach without missing a single day. Over the course of his streak, he has covered more than 145,000 miles. Ranked 6th globally by the United States Streak Runners' Association, Raven's dedication has drawn over 3,700 runners from around the world to join him for his signature 8-mile run. Not only does he track their runs and award nicknames, but he also fosters a strong sense of community, having inspired runners from all 50 states and 100 countries to participate. His impact goes beyond running, Raven has performed 17 water rescues in Miami Beach, and has encouraged people of all abilities, including those battling serious health conditions, to take part in his runs. Raven's journey has been widely featured in national and international media, inspiring countless individuals to get active and live healthier lives.

Upon review of the Commissioner's request, the Administration recommends honoring the life and accomplishments of Robert "Raven" Kraft with a commemorative plaque to be installed on 3rd (Third) Street and the Beachwalk (the "Project"). The Project will consist of installation of the

commemorative plaque, including design, fabrication, installation, and necessary improvements to the area.

On November 13, 2024, the Committee discussed the item and recommended in favor of establishing a commemorative plaque in Robert “Raven” Kraft’s honor. Pursuant to Section to 82-504 (a) of the City Code, this recommendation is being transmitted to the Mayor and City Commission for consideration and, consistent with the requirements of Section 82-504 (a)(6), setting a public hearing for December 11, 2024.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The fiscal impact for this Project is approximately \$2,500.00.

### **Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?** (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:  
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Funding for this Project has been appropriated in the following account: 520-1720-000342-

### **CONCLUSION**

The Administration recommends adopting the Resolution accepting the recommendation of the PSNQLC made at its November 13, 2024, meeting to establish a commemorative plaque on 3rd Street and the Beachwalk, in honor of Robert “Raven” Kraft. Furthermore, said Resolution setting a public hearing on December 11, 2024, to consider whether to approve the proposed commemorative plaque by a 5/7ths vote; and directing the City Clerk to provide public notice of the hearing consistent with the requirements of Section 82-504(a)(6) of the City Code.

### **Applicable Area**

South Beach

### **Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

Yes

### **Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

### **Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

### **Department**

Facilities and Fleet Management & Parks and Recreation

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez  
Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt  
Commissioner Joseph Magazine  
Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Condensed Title**

Set PH, Establish Commemorative Plaque on 3rd St/Beachwalk, Honor Robert Raven Kraft.  
(KRG/LD/TB/JM)