



To: Honorable Mayor and Village Council

Date: December 30, 2013

From: Ron E. Williams, Village Manager

Re: Co-Designation of SW 144
Terrace between SW 68 Court and
SW 68 Avenue

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, CO-DESIGNATING SW 144 TERRACE BETWEEN SW 68 COURT AND SW 68 AVENUE AS "GEORGE JOHNSON WAY"; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Council Person Patrick Fiore].

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The process for co-designation of roadways in the Village is governed by Ordinance 05-12, which defines the types of requests and also mandates that any requests are considered in April.

At the Council Meeting of December 9, 2013, Councilman Patrick Fiore raised the matter of co-designation of SW 144 Terrace, following receipt of a Petition signed by neighbors of the decedent, George Johnson. The Council voted unanimously to hear the request for co-designation and directed the Village Clerk to research the matter, draft a Resolution, and advertise this matter for public hearing in January of 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Four signs require modification. The cost per sign is \$90.00. Therefore, the fiscal impact for this effort is \$360.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council discretion, following public hearing.

1 RESOLUTION NO. _____
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9 WHEREAS, following a remarkable life, resident George F. Johnson, passed away on May
10 17, 2013; and
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12 WHEREAS, on November 7, 2005, the Village Council adopted ordinance no 05-12
13 relating to naming, re-naming and co-designating village facilities, parks, etc.; and,
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15 WHEREAS, pursuant to the ordinance, the village council may name a site after a person
16 or persons who have made significant contributions to the community, thereby furthering the
17 Village's good name and image; and,
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19 WHEREAS, the village may recognize a person, family or corporation, that has provided a
20 contribution through volunteerism, leadership, financial contribution and/or other services
21 considered extraordinary or long term in nature; and,
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23 WHEREAS, in addition to his community service through his work with Old Cutler
24 Presbyterian Church and Westminster Christian School, George Johnson is fondly remembered by
25 his neighbors for working with the Village to encourage a solution to the drainage problems that was
26 occurring in the neighborhood. Mr. Johnson's neighbors provided a petition that notes, "...his
27 singlehanded efforts to fix this problem were successful as the project was completed several
28 months ago to the joy of all the homeowners"; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to co-designate SW 144 Terrace between SW 68
31 Court and SW 68 Avenue in honor of this outstanding gentleman for his significant contributions to
32 the Village.
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34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE
35 COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:
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37 Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by
38 this reference.
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40 Section 2. Street Designation. Pursuant to the requirements of Ordinance number
41 05-12, the Village Council finds that a significant contribution has been made to the Village, and
42 furthermore, the Council agrees that SW 144 Terrace between SW 68 Court and SW 68 Avenue
43 shall be, after public hearing and input, officially named **GEORGE JOHNSON WAY**.
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George F. Johnson



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JOHNSON, GEORGE F., 65, of Miami, FL went home to be with the Lord on May 17, 2013. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia on February 1, 1948, the son of Dr. Paul C. Johnson and Louise M. Johnson. George graduated from Penn Yan Academy in 1966. In 1970, he graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT and was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree. Upon graduation, George served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Dallas out of New York City. Subsequent assignments included: An exchange tour with the US Navy aboard the USS Bowen in 1972, Admiral's Aide, Commander of the Coast Guard Group in Rockaway, NY in 1978, Search and Rescue Program Management at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC in 1983 and Deputy Commander Coast Guard Group Miami in 1985. Commander Johnson retired in 1990 while serving on the staff of the 7th District Commander Headquarters in Miami, FL. He also attended post-graduate school at the University of Miami and was awarded a MBA and MPA in 1982. As a civilian, George was employed as an airline executive with two airlines in Miami, FL. He was the Treasurer of The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) for many years. George served the Lord as the church administrator at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church followed by the Chief Financial Officer at Westminster Christian School in Miami. He finished his career as Director of Finance and Operations at Westminster Schools of Augusta located in Augusta, Georgia. George was a devoted husband, father, brother and uncle. He will always be remembered for devotion to his family and care & compassion for his friends. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Caroline Clary Johnson, and son Paul Clary Johnson. Also survived by his two loving sisters, Pat Denison (Bill) and Paulette DeVita (Don), his niece and nephews. He lived his life to the fullest and will be remembered by all whose lives he touched. Visitation will be held Monday evening, May 20th from 6-8 p.m. at Stanfill F.H. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, May 21st at Old Cutler Presbyterian Church, 14401 Old Cutler Rd, Palmetto Bay, FL with reception immediately following the service. Interment will follow at a later date with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, George's family respectfully requests that contributions be made in memory of George to one of the following: Old Cutler Presbyterian Church (see address above); CDR George F. Johnson, USCG (Ret), Class of 1970 Fund, USCGA Alumni Association, 47 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320; or Westminster Schools of Augusta, 3067 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA 30909

Meighan Alexander

From: Fernandez, Elena <efernandez@wscsmiami.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 2:32 PM
To: Meighan Alexander
Subject: George Johnson

Hello Mrs. Alexander,

I am pleased that you will be naming a street after George Johnson. I have known him since May 2008 when he hired me at Westminster Christian School. He was one of the best bosses that I have ever had. He set high standards for himself as well as others. He was a great guy to consider a friend, colleague, and mentor. Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Regards,

Elena Fernandez
Controller
Westminster Christian School

TO:

Honorable Mayor Shelley Stanczyk

Vice Mayor John DuBois

Councilman Patrick Fiore

Councilman Tim Schaffer

Councilwoman Joan Lindsay

Manager Ron E. Williams

RE:

Palmetto Bay street co-designation

Dear Mayor, Council members, and Manager,

Our neighborhood recently lost a dear friend, George Johnson, the man who worked quietly and effectively to improve the streets surrounding our homes. For many years our streets would flood after heavy rainfall and were slow to drain. The worst flooding came with Hurricane Katrina in 2005 when George stepped out of his home on SW 144th Terrace to find waist deep water not only in the street but in two of his neighbors' homes.

With that event, George began his quest to improve the drainage on our streets. Through letters and phone calls to the Village, his singlehanded efforts to fix this problem were successful as the project was completed several months ago to the joy of all the homeowners. Our new drainage system passed a key test in September when over eight inches of rain fell in a few hours with no significant standing water anywhere on our streets.

George passed away after a brief and unexpected illness this past summer and never lived to see his project fulfilled. We, who have signed this letter wish to honor his friendship and leadership that has spanned three decades in our neighborhood by co-designating one block of SW 144th Terrace between SW 68th Court and SW 68th Ave. as, "GEORGE JOHNSON WAY."

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Caroline Johnson	6842 S.W. 144 Terr	(305) 235-0593
James + Cynthia Loxton	6802 SW 144 Terr	305 378-9006
William Jackson	6821 S.W. 144 Terr	305 259 908
Kautila & Robert Rojas	6841 SW 144 terr	305 323-3884

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Michael Caserlat	6801 SW 144 th TER	305 2535175
	6822 SW 144 th TER	818-2718 305
Carol W. King	6843 SW 145 TER	305-255 1788
David Kahn	14402 SW 68 CT	917-842- 7726
Dan + Betty Nor	6844 SW 145 TER	305 798 1198
Charlie F. Brown	14650 SW 69 AVE	305 233 3978
		
Amy J. King	6823 S.W. 145 th TER	305 252 582
Moses Bencalovich	6864 SW 145 th TER	305 992 4403