

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ADDING "RAYMOND G CHRISTIE AVE" AS THE SECONDARY STREET NAME TO THE SEGMENT OF NORTHWEST 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BETWEEN NORTHWEST 3<sup>RD</sup> COURT AND NORTHWEST 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET/SISTRUNK BOULEVARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, Raymond George Christie was born on January 5, 1918, in Nicholls Town, located in Andros, an island in the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, Mr. Christie immigrated to the United States and settled in the City of Fort Lauderdale's historic Dorsey Riverbend neighborhood in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christie became a citizen of the United States in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christie was a prominent licensed general contractor and real estate developer in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and as early as the 1950s he played an integral part in the development of commercial buildings along NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street/Sistrunk Boulevard and contributed to the developed of residential properties in historic black communities, particularly in Dorsey Riverbend; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christie is credited with building notable structures such as the Sunland Park (now known as the Carter Park) pool house and library, the Roy Mizell Funeral Home, and a notable multistory building known as the RGC Christie Apartments, which was connected to the Christie Grocery Store, where local families in the Dorsey River Bend community would shop for groceries; and

WHEREAS, the RGC Building remains on Sistrunk Boulevard, in the City of Fort Lauderdale and remains a commercial business enterprise operated and maintained by Mr. Christie's children; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Mr. Christie was known for selflessly serving his community and was a visionary leader with a keen acumen regarding construction projects, real estate investments, and community developments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christie was recognized by the Old Dillard Museum, located in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and was featured in the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival Award-Winning documentary titled, "Crossing the Waters: the Impact of Bahamian Pioneers in South Florida," and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1991, Raymond George Christie passed away; and

WHEREAS, a Street Name Change application was submitted to the City of Fort Lauderdale Transportation and Mobility Department on February 20, 2024, by Marion Christie-Campbell, requesting that Raymond George Christie be honored by designating a segment between Northwest 3<sup>rd</sup> Court and Northwest 6<sup>th</sup> Street/Sistrunk Boulevard as, Raymond G Christie Avenue, as a secondary street name in the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Dorsey River Bend Association, Inc. and at least seventy (70%) percent of the affected property owners are in support of and wish to designate Raymond G Christie Avenue, as a secondary street name to the segment of NW 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between Northwest 3<sup>rd</sup> Court and Northwest 6<sup>th</sup> Street/Sistrunk Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will be responsible for all costs associated with placement of the new street name signs that will be manufactured and installed by the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division; and

WHEREAS, Northwest 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be retained as the primary street name;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the segment of Northwest 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between Northwest 3<sup>rd</sup> Court and Northwest 6<sup>th</sup> Street/Sistrunk Boulevard, shall also be known as, "Raymond G Christie Ave".

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Broward County Traffic Engineer for future inclusion in the "Official Map of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida."

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City Engineer for future inclusion in the "Official Map of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida."

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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