



RESOLUTION # 2025-12

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI NAMING THAT PORTION OF 13TH STREET BETWEEN 58TH AND 59TH AVENUE AS CANDIDA "CANDY" BLANCA WAY, IN HONOR OF HER LIFETIME OF DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY, HER TENURE AS A CITY COMMISSIONER, AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS ON VARIOUS BOARDS.

WHEREAS, Candida "Candy" Blanca moved to the City of West Miami in 1971 and quickly became an integral part of the community; and

WHEREAS, her passion for public service was evident through her dedicated involvement in various boards and City Commission within the City of West Miami; and

WHEREAS, Candy Blanca served as a member of the Code Enforcement Board from June 1996 to June 1999, ensuring the preservation of the City's character and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, she further contributed to the City's development as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board from June 27, 2000, where she played a pivotal role in shaping the future of West Miami; and

WHEREAS, her leadership and unwavering commitment to the community led to her appointment to the West Miami City Commission on December 2, 2009, by then-Vice Mayor Suarez, where she continued to serve with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Candida "Candy" Blanca's legacy of service, dedication, and love for the City of West Miami remained steadfast until her passing in January 2024; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her immeasurable contributions and as a lasting tribute to her memory, the Mayor and City Commission find it fitting to name that portion of 13th Street between 58th and 59th Avenue as "**Candida 'Candy' Blanca Way.**"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of West Miami as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing "whereas" clauses and heading are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption thereof.

Section 2. That the portion of 13th Street between 58th and 59th Avenue shall hereby be designated as "**Candida 'Candy' Blanca Way.**"

Section 3. That appropriate signage shall be placed to commemorate this dedication in her honor.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Commission and signature of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2025.

APPROVED:



ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Milian Orbis, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>