

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-09**

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, DECLARING NO OBJECTION AND SUPPORTING THE CO-DESIGNATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. R-49-13, DESIGNATING WEST 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, BETWEEN WEST 44<sup>TH</sup> PLACE AND WEST 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HIALEAH, FLORIDA, AS "OPERATION PEDRO PAN AVENUE," IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF ALL THE YOUTHS, PARENTS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO MADE OPERATION PEDRO PAN A SUCCESS WITH THE COST OF SIGNAGE TO BE PAID BY THE APPLICANT.

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. R-49-13, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on January 23, 2013, designated, *inter alia*, a county roadway that is located within the City of Hialeah at West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between West 44<sup>th</sup> Place and West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, as "Operation Pedro Pan Avenue;" and

**WHEREAS**, in the spring of 1960, Cuban dictator Fidel Castro announced his intention to close secondary, religious, and private schools and open revolutionary youth camps, taking children away from their families and homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Castro regime intended to take Cuban children from their parents at age five and indoctrinate them with Castro's Communist beliefs and Marxist-Leninist ideology; and

**WHEREAS**, Cuban parents urgently began looking for a way to get their children out of Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, a secret plan was developed to evacuate children from Cuba by parents in Cuba, the United States Government, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Miami, Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh, who was the director of the Catholic Welfare Bureau for the Archdiocese, and James Baker, the head of the Ruston Academy, an American school in Havana; and

**WHEREAS**, between December 26, 1960, and October 23, 1962, more than 14,000 Cuban youths, most between the ages of 12 and 18, arrived alone in the United States through this secret program now known as Operation Pedro Pan; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Pedro Pan is the largest recorded exodus of unaccompanied minors in the history of the Western Hemisphere; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cuban children stayed with friends, relatives, and in group homes in more than 30 states; and

**WHEREAS**, most, but not all, of the children of Pedro Pan were eventually reunited with their parents in the United States, although, in many cases, these reunions were delayed for a number of years; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Pedro Pan is part of the unique history of Cuban exile and the unique history of South Florida and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the children of Pedro Pan grew up to become successful, prominent members of American society, in fields ranging from politics to the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, these brave Cuban youths and their parents made incredible and dangerous sacrifices to live in a free society; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of "Operation Pedro Pan Avenue" is in honor and recognition of all the youths, parents, religious leaders and government officials who made Operation Pedro Pan a success.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the request made by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County for honorary designation of roadways located in the City of Hialeah, the City of Hialeah has no objections to and supports the designation of "Operation Pedro Pan Avenue;" and

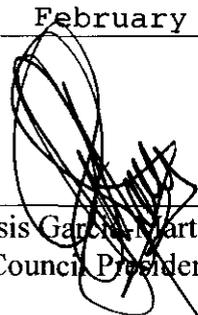
**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Board recommended approval of this resolution on January 28, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

**Section 1:** The City of Hialeah declares no objection to and supports the designation by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners of West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between West 44<sup>th</sup> Place and West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Hialeah, Florida, as "Operation Pedro Pan Avenue."

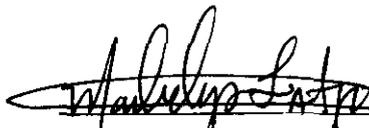
**Section 2:** The City of Hialeah directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

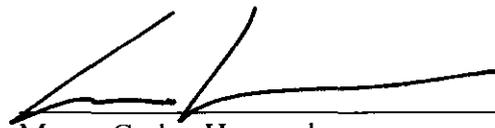
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of February, 2013.

  
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Isis Garcia-Martinez  
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 15 day of Feb, 2013.

  
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Marbelys Fatjo, Acting City Clerk

  
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Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

  
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William M. Grodnick  
City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 6-0 vote with Councilmembers, Casals-Munoz, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez and Lozano voting "Yes", Councilmember Caragol absent.

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** January 23, 2013

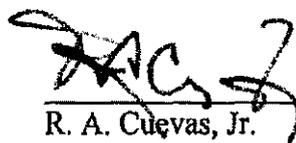
**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution amending Resolution  
No. R-995-12 for the purpose of  
changing the codesignation of  
West 12 Avenue as "Operation  
Pedro Pan Avenue" from being  
from West 37 Street to West 49  
Street to being from West 44  
Place to West 49 Street at the  
request of the City of Hialeah

Resolution No. R-49-13

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

  
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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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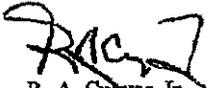


# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
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**DATE:** January 23, 2013

**FROM:**   
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)  
1-23-13

RESOLUTION NO. R-49-13

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R-995-12 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE CODESIGNATION OF WEST 12 AVENUE AS "OPERATION PEDRO PAN AVENUE" FROM BEING FROM WEST 37 STREET TO WEST 49 STREET TO BEING FROM WEST 44 PLACE TO WEST 49 STREET AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH.

**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2012, this Board approved Resolution No. R-995-12, which codesignated West 12 Avenue from West 37 Street to West 49 Street as "Operation Pedro Pan Avenue" and urged the City of Hialeah to join in this codesignation, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hialeah has requested that this codesignation be changed to West 12 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 49 Street; and

**WHEREAS**, this board desires to honor this request,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Amends Resolution No. R-995-12 to change the codesignation of West 12 Avenue as "Operation Pedro Pan Avenue" from being from West 37 Street to West 49 Street to being from West 44 Place to West 49 Street.

**Section 2.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Mayor of the City of Hialeah, the Hialeah Police Department, the Hialeah Fire Department, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works and Waste Management Department and the Development Services Division of the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner **Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Jean Monestime** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman		aye
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair		aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	absent	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Sally A. Heyman	absent	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez	aye
Juan C. Zapata	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



By: **Christopher Agrippa**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jess M. McCarty