

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-002

RESOLUTION OF THE HIALEAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD RECOMMENDING THE STREET NAMING OF WEST 16 AVENUE FROM WEST 44 PLACE TO WEST 60 STREET AS "PRESIDENT ALVARO URIBE VELEZ WAY", WITH THE COST OF SIGNAGE TO BE PAID BY THE CITY, IN HIS HONOR, AS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL POLITICIANS IN LATIN AMERICA AND A PILLAR OF DEMOCRACY IN THE AMERICAS.

WHEREAS, the street naming at West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street, Hialeah, Florida as "President Alvaro Uribe Velez Way" in Honor of former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe Velez; and

WHEREAS, President Alvaro Uribe Velez ("President Uribe") was born on July 4, 1952, a Colombian lawyer, businessman and politician known as one of the most influential politicians of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, President Uribe was elected president of Colombia from 2002 to 2006 with 53% of the total votes becoming the first president to win the elections in the first round since this measure was established in the 1991 Colombian Constitution; and

WHEREAS, President Uribe took office in 2002, promoting his democratic security policy (PSD) centered on two axes: one to regain control of the territory by the State with the creation of high mountain battalions, platoons of peasant soldiers, who accompanied the National Police in various municipalities, and by offering of rewards to informants and on the other, in attacking the rear of the guerrillas who opposed the state; and

WHEREAS, President Uribe included an increase in the budget assigned to national defense, increases in force, the creation, and provision of new purchases of airplanes and helicopters, the arrival of police stations in urban centers; the professionalization and strengthening of the public force, the creation of joint commandos, as well as Headquarters of joint special operations and elite groups of the police and army; also the increase of strengthening of intelligence in alliance with the United States so that the Colombian conflict with the guerrillas would be included in the war against terrorism and drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, through his presidency, President Uribe made it possible for the arrest and extradition of many of the world's largest traffickers; and

WHEREAS, he supported the war against terrorism as promoted by President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, Uribe suggested creating a contingent of Colombian blue helmets to provide security for displaced people in Colombia and to help them return to their original homes and as part of the democratic security, although the United Nations did not want to get involved, and during his tenure negotiated with groups such as the FARC, ELN and AUC, where there was an increase in the desertion of those groups operating outside the law in part due to his demobilization policy that led to the disbanding of paramilitary groups between 2002 and 2010, about 53,810 members of guerrilla and paramilitary groups; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, kidnapping fell from 2,282 to 213 cases per year, and homicides decreased from 29,000 to 16,000. Inflation was at 7% in 2002 and at the end of his term it was 2% and the unemployment rate went from almost 16% to 11%, and foreign investment went from US \$2 billion annually to US \$ 7 billion in the same period, and Gross Domestic Product grew an average of 4.47% per year and Colombia and was one of only three countries that had positive economic growth during the 2008 global crisis; and

WHEREAS, after finishing his presidential term in 2014, he was elected senator on a closed list by the Democratic Center, a party founded and led by him; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, he was the prominent leader of the No Campaign in the Plebiscite on the question regarding the peace accords where the No Campaign won by a narrow margin; and

WHEREAS, today President Uribe is one of the most popular and influential politicians in his country, even among Colombians socially, economically, an emotionally, and continues to be a pillar of democracy in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of President Uribe and his contributions to democracy in the Americas, this Board would like to urge the City of Hialeah to designate that portion of West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street as "President Alvaro Uribe Velez Way"; and

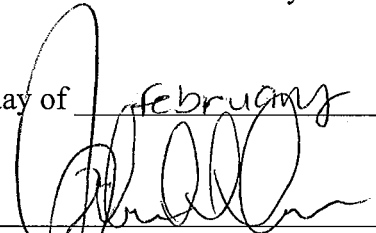
WHEREAS, that portion of West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street is a city-maintained street located in the City of Hialeah.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HIALEAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD THAT:

Section 1. The Board urges the City Clerk to designate that portion of West 16 Avenue from West 44 Place to West 60 Street as “President Alvaro Uribe Velez Way”, with the cost of signage to be paid by the City, in his honor, as one of the most influential politicians in Latin America and a pillar of democracy in the Americas.

Section 2. The Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22 day of February, 2021.



John Ulloa
Chair

Attest:

Approved on this 22 day of February, 2021.



Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk