

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, NAMING THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1047 VENETIA AVENUE CORAL GABLES, FL 33134 WITH THE NAME "JAMES T. BARKER PARK."

**WHEREAS**, James T. Barker served as a part of the City Commission where he was elected to three consecutive four-year terms ending in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time on the City Commission, Mr. Barker helped oversee the renovation of the Coral Gables Youth Center and helped established the Dr. Donald R. Hopkins/William A. Cooper Scholarship Fund, which helped economically disadvantaged Coral Gables High seniors secure scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Barker was actively involved in numerous organizations including serving as President of the Junior Orange Bowl Committee, President of the Orange Bowl Committee, President and District Governor of Rotary, District 699, Board Member of the Goodwill of Greater South Florida, President of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, 35-year Board Member of Doctor's Hospital, and Board Member of International Finance Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, he also received the George E. Merrick Award of Excellence for his community leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, The Community Recreation Department has identified the newly designed Venetia Park located at 1047 Venetia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 as the park designated to be named after Mr. Barker; and

**WHEREAS**, this name designation is in accordance with the City's Park Naming Policy and has been reviewed and recommended by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

1. That the park located at 1047 Venetia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134, be named "James T. Barker Park."
2. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINTH OF JUNE, A.D., 2020.

APPROVED:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BILLY URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

MIRIAM SOLER-RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY