

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CO-DESIGNATING INDIAN MOUND TRAIL AS “SAINT THERESA’S LITTLE WAY” IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER AND SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the parish Church of the Little Flower was established in the spring of 1926 at the request of small group of Catholics in the new community of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the parish was named in honor of Saint Therese of Lisieux, France, a Carmelite Sister, also known as the “Little Flower;” and

WHEREAS, initially, masses were celebrated in the convent library of Saint Joseph Academy, a boarding school built and opened on the church grounds in 1925 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Saint Augustine, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the first structure built for the new parish community was a parish center and auditorium which also served as a temporary church for nearly a decade beyond World War II and later became the parish hall, named in honor of Monsignor Thomas Comber, the founding pastor of The Church of the Little Flower; and

WHEREAS, the new church, which exists today, was built and dedicated in 1952 and continues to serve as the center of parish worship; and

WHEREAS, the Church of the Little Flower’s current membership exceeds 3,000 registered households and people from all over the world and are baptized and married at the parish; and

WHEREAS, thousands of children have been educated at Saint Theresa Catholic School (formerly St. Joseph’s Academy) that has been administrated by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles since 1991; and

WHEREAS, the buildings of Saint Theresa School and the Church of the Little Flower, located along Indian Mound Trail in Coral Gables, are designated local historic landmarks; and

WHEREAS, as Saint Theresa Catholic School, which opened its doors as St. Joseph Academy on September 15, 2025, celebrated its 100th birthday and the Church of the Little Flower will celebrate its 100th birthday in October 2026, the City wishes to

recognize the Church of the Little Flower and Saint Theresa Catholic School, which has become a staple in South Florida Catholicism, by co-designating Indian Mound Trail as “Saint Theresa’s Little Way.”

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

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission co-designates Indian Mound Trail as “Saint Theresa’s Little Way” and authorizes the City Manager to erect the appropriate signage.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ day of September, A.D., 2025.

(Moved:)

(Yeas:

(Majority : Vote:)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY