

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-81**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; RENAMING JOE'S CREEK GREENWAY PARK AS RAYMOND H. NERI COMMUNITY PARK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Board of County Commissioners established the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area can be attributed to the leadership efforts of Raymond H. Neri, a long-time resident of the Lealman Community who sadly passed away on January 3, 2017 at the age of 79;

WHEREAS, Ray unselfishly devoted his time as a community champion for the residents in the Lealman community, especially for those most in need;

WHEREAS, Ray was a charter member of the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, Ray's lifelong commitment to the health and well-being of the Lealman Community warrants special consideration and should be remembered with a lasting memorial worthy of his life's work in the community;

WHEREAS, Joe's Creek Greenway Park, as an emerging catalyst for the revival of the Lealman Community, is a visible manifestation of Ray's efforts in the community;

WHEREAS, Ray relentlessly advocated for a neighborhood park in the Lealman Community leading to the initial establishment of Joe's Creek Greenway Park in 2005; and

WHEREAS, for the above cited reasons it is appropriate to waive the Honorary Naming Rights Policy of the Board of County Commissioners.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, that the County-owned special purpose park known as Joe's Creek Greenway Park from this point forward be renamed and recognized as Raymond H. Neri Community Park. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, Commissioner Justice offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Long, and upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: Welch, Seel, Beyrouiti, Eggers, Gerard, Justice, and Long.

Nays: None.

Absent and Not Voting: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:   
Office of the County Attorney