

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THAT PORTION OF I-375/S.R. 592 BETWEEN I-275 AND S.R. 595/4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AS THE C. BETTE WIMBISH HIGHWAY.

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Carrie Elizabeth “C. Bette” Wimbish was a civil rights leader for the African-American community who became the first African-American female attorney in Pinellas County and the third in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Wimbish was the first African-American citizen elected to the St. Petersburg City Council and the first African American Vice-Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Wimbish fought against the injustices of segregation in public schools in an effort to obtain the same rights to fair and equal education for all students by challenging the school board for continuing integration after laws passed to outlaw the practice; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Reuben Askew appointed Mrs. Wimbish to Assistant Secretary of Commerce, making her the second highest ranking woman in state government at the time before being appointed to Deputy Secretary of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature successfully passed Senate Bill 368 during the 2017 Legislative Session that designates the portion of I-375/S.R. 592 between I-275 and S.R. 595/4<sup>th</sup> Avenue as “C. Bette Wimbish Highway;” and

**WHEREAS**, Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, requires a resolution of support from the County Commission before markers may be placed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, at a duly-assembled meeting held on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_2017, that it supports the designation of the portion of I-375/S.R. 592 between I-275 and S.R. 595/4<sup>th</sup> Avenue as “C. Bette Wimbish Highway,” and requests that the Florida Department of Transportation place and maintain appropriate markers designating said highway; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be made part of the minutes of the proceedings of this Board, and that a certified copy thereof be filed for record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County, Florida.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon roll call the vote was:

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent and not voting:**

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Christy Doraan Pembert  
Office of the County Attorney