

BCC Mtg. Date: September 22, 2020

RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

**AFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION
OF THAT PORTION OF S.R. 438 BETWEEN WINTERS
LANDING DRIVE AND CLARKE ROAD IN ORANGE
COUNTY AS THE "JULIUS 'JULY' PERRY MEMORIAL
HIGHWAY" AND FOR THE ERECTION BY THE
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF
SUITABLE MARKERS PROCLAIMING THE
DESIGNATION**

Resolution No. 2020- *M-42*

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed CS/CS/CS/HB 385 during the 2020 Legislative Session, which makes honorary designations of transportation facilities throughout Florida and directs the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") to erect suitable markers for those designations;

WHEREAS, Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, provides that a directly impacted city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected;

WHEREAS, in the early 20th century, Julius "July" Perry relocated from South Carolina, making his home in Ocoee, Florida, and became a leader in the African-

American community, a deacon in the church, a labor leader, and a member of the local fraternal lodge;

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1920, Mr. Perry and another African-American resident, Moses "Mose" Norman, attempted to vote, but were prevented from doing so;

WHEREAS, Mr. Norman was refused a second time, and set upon by a mob, at which time he fled to Mr. Perry's home;

WHEREAS, a group of Ocoee residents deputized by Orange County Sheriff Clyde Pounds came to Mr. Perry's home and attempted to arrest him, during which process Mr. Perry and several others were wounded;

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was taken to the hospital for treatment, and while in the custody of the Sheriff was taken by a mob, lynched by hanging, and shot;

WHEREAS, that same night, a mob set fire to all of the buildings owned by African-Americans in the northern (Methodist) African-American area of Ocoee, destroying more than twenty houses, two churches, and the fraternal lodge where Mr. Perry held a leadership role;

WHEREAS, the next day, Mr. Perry's body was retrieved and buried in the black section of Greenwood cemetery in an unmarked grave; in the fall of 2002, a marker was finally placed on his grave site;

WHEREAS; the Orange County Board of County Commissioners wishes to honor Julius "July" Perry for his sacrifice and service to our community.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners supports the designation of that portion of State Road 438 between Winters Landing Drive and Clarke Road in Orange County as the "Julius 'July' Perry Memorial Highway" pursuant to Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, and for the erection by the FDOT of suitable markers proclaiming the designation.

Section 2. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Florida Department of Transportation by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

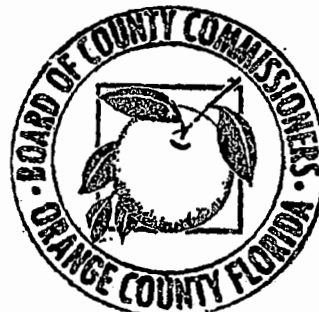
ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jerry L. Demings*
Jerry L. Demings
for County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County
Comptroller as Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners

By: *Phil Diamond*
Deputy Clerk



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