

ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR NAMING THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK ON EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE BETWEEN NORTHEAST 26TH TERRACE AND SOUTHEAST 26TH TERRACE IN MEMORY OF DYLAN ROBERTS; FOR PROVIDING A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Dylan’s dream was to go to kindergarten, and every day he talked with his mom about how exciting it would be when he was big enough to start school; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2021, an otherwise ordinary day, Dylan went to Fred Cone Park, just across the street from his home in Gainesville, with relatives to play in one of their favorite outdoor play spaces; and

WHEREAS, when it was time to return home, the group of children stepped into the roadway and a car traveling on East University Avenue struck and killed Dylan; and

WHEREAS, in the time since Dylan’s tragic death, Megan Durant has become a fierce advocate for crosswalks and other safety measures, writing in a recent email sent to the City of Gainesville, “We all know it takes a village. I want to make sure this never happens to another child and that no other mother ever has to feel the pain I do;” and

WHEREAS, after months of persistent contact with city and state officials, Megan Durant has realized her goal of seeing a pedestrian-activated signal across East University Avenue between Northeast 26th Terrace and Southeast 26th Terrace, the section of road where Dylan was killed; and

WHEREAS, work on the signal and crosswalk is now finished and, by action of the Florida Legislature and Florida Department of Transportation it will be named in memory of Dylan Roberts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners hereby gives its support to the designation of the pedestrian-activated lighted crosswalk between Northeast 26th Terrace and Southeast 26th Terrace along East University Avenue (State Road 26) in the City of

Gainesville Florida as “Dylan Roberts Memorial Crosswalk” and for the erection by the Florida Department of Transportation of suitable markers proclaiming the designation.

SECTION 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Florida Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.
Clerk of Court

BY: _____
Anna Prizzia, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney

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