

## **Resolution 2023-255**

**A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, to designate and dual-name NE 19<sup>th</sup> Street between NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and NE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Duval Community as Pastor Samuel Jones Jr Boulevard; providing an immediate effective date.**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Samuel Jones, Jr was the founding and longtime pastor at Open Door Ministries; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Jones, Jr was born October 17<sup>th</sup> 1944, and graduated from Lincoln High School as Valedictorian in 1962; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Jones, Jr was known throughout the Duval Community for his servant heart; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Jones, Jr became a Christian in 1972, and was ordained in 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Jones, Jr founded and organized Open Door Ministries in 1976, which was the first integrated African American Church in Gainesville that was commissioned out of an all-white church; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Jones, Jr's was active in numerous community, civil, educational and religious agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Jones Jr's efforts were successful in obtaining local, state and federal funding for needed afterschool programs as well as improvements to road conditions in East Gainesville; and

**WHEREAS**, We, the citizens of Gainesville, wish to pay tribute to the memory of Pastor Samuel Jones, Jr for his devotion to the community, and the many lives he has touched and influenced.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

1. NE 19<sup>th</sup> Street between NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and NE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Duval Community is dual named "Pastor Samuel Jones, Jr Boulevard" in his honor so that his contribution to the Duval community will always be remembered.
2. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to carry out all necessary action to fulfill this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of April 2023.

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Harvey Ward  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Omichele D. Gainey  
City Clerk

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Daniel M. Nee  
City Attorney