



**RESOLUTION # 2024-09**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA APPOINTING NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS AS CITY COMMISSIONER TO FILL THE VACANCY LEFT BY THE PASSING OF BELOVED COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is with great sadness that the City of West Miami announces the passing of our beloved Commissioner Candida Blanca. Commissioner Blanca honorably served on the City Commission for many dedicated years, acting as a fierce advocate for the people of West Miami. She was a thoughtful leader and colleague, always seeking input from all sides before making decisions that impacted our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, our city is better due to Commissioner Candida Blanca's years of outstanding service and dedication in the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, while we deeply mourn Commissioner Blanca's death, we must continue serving our city residents with the same passion she brought to the role every day; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Section 3.05 (a) Vacancies, the City is required as follows:

"The office of a Council member shall become vacant upon his death, resignation, removal from office in any manner authorized by law or forfeiture of his office, such forfeiture to be declared by the remaining members of the Council."

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section (c)(1) Vacancy, filling, the City is required as follows:

"If a vacancy occurs in the City Council within one hundred twenty (120) days before a regular election of the City, the Council may, by a majority vote of the full Council, appoint a qualified person to fill such vacancy until the next regular election, at which time the remainder of the unexpired term shall be filled by election..."

**WHEREAS**, in order to fill the void left by Commissioner Blanca's death, the City Commission held, upon public notice, a special commission meeting to select a qualified candidate to finish out Commissioner Blanca's term, pursuant to Section 3.05(c)(1); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has considered and reviewed the public service record and Curriculum Vitae of Natalie Milian Orbis which demonstrates many years of service, specially to the City of West Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, City Commission has determined that Natalie Milian Orbis meets the adequate qualification to be appointed as City Commissioner of City of West Miami to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Commissioner Candida Blanca until the next regular election, at which time the remainder of the unexpired term shall be filled by election; and

**WHEREAS**, Natalie Milian Orbis, is hereby appointed to serve the remaining term of service of Commissioner Candida Blanca until the next regular election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI THAT:

**Section 1.** The afore-mentioned statements are true and correct and adopted as is fully stated herein.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to Section 3.05(c)(1) of the City of West Miami Charter, the City Commission hereby appoints Natalie Milian Orbis to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Commissioner Candida Blanca and who shall serve the remaining term of service of Commissioner Blanca until the next regular election.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Commission and signature of the Mayor.

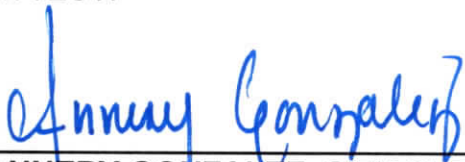
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

APPROVED:



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ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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ANNERY GONZALEZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



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JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Chavez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER (VACANT)	<u>  </u>