

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NAME "SAMMY DAVIS JR." AS
AN HONORARY STREET NAME FOR THAT PORTION OF INDUSTRIAL ROAD
LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, Sammy Davis, Jr. ("Sammy") was born December 8, 1925, in Harlem, New York, to Sammy Davis, Sr., an entertainer, and Elvera Sanchez, a professional dancer; and

WHEREAS, at 3 years of age, Sammy started his career in vaudeville, with his father, his uncle Will Mastin, and with the Will Mastin Trio, performing regularly; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, at the age of 17, Sammy joined the U.S. Army and, during his service in World War II, the Army assigned Sammy to an integrated entertainment Special Services unit; and

WHEREAS, Sammy found that the spotlight lessened the prejudice, that even prejudiced white men admired and respected his performances and, in his own words, "My talent was the weapon, the power, the way for me to fight. It was the one way I might hope to affect a man's thinking"; and

WHEREAS, Sammy's film career began as a child in 1933; and

WHEREAS, in 1959 Sammy became a member of the *Rat Pack*, led by his friend Frank Sinatra, which included fellow performers Dean Martin, Joey Bishop and Peter Lawford; and

WHEREAS, in 1960 Sammy appeared in the *Rat Pack* film "*Ocean's 11*"; and

WHEREAS, after a starring role on Broadway in 1956's "*Mr. Wonderful*," Sammy returned to the stage in 1964's "*Golden Boy*"; and

WHEREAS, in 1966 Sammy had his own TV variety show, titled *The Sammy Davis Jr. Show*; and

WHEREAS, Sammy's career slowed in the late 1960's, but he had a hit record with "*The Candyman*" in 1972 and became a star in Las Vegas, earning him the nickname "*Mister Show Business*"; and

WHEREAS, Sammy was a victim of racism throughout his life, particularly during the pre-Civil Rights era, and was a large financial supporter of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, after reuniting with Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin in 1987, Sammy toured with them and with Liza Minnelli internationally, before he died of throat cancer in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Sammy was awarded the Springarn Medal by the NAACP and was nominated for a

1 Golden Globe Award and an Emmy Award for his television performances; and

2 WHEREAS, Sammy received a Kennedy Center Honors award in 1987, and in 2001 he was
3 posthumously awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award; and

4 WHEREAS, in Sammy's honor, the County of Clark has renamed all of Industrial Road within the
5 County's jurisdictional boundary as "Sammy Davis Jr."; and

6 WHEREAS, in recognition of the foregoing, the City Council desires and declares it to be in the
7 City's interest to adopt the name "Sammy Davis Jr." as an honorary street name for that portion of
8 Industrial Road located within the City's jurisdictional boundaries; and

9 WHEREAS, under the City's applicable policy and procedure, an honorary street name serves as a
10 complementary name for a street that allows for public recognition of a person, place or event without
11 changing the actual name of the street for legal and other traditional purposes pertaining to street names.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
13 OF LAS VEGAS AS FOLLOWS:

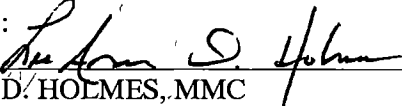
14 1. To adopt the name "Sammy Davis Jr." as an honorary street name for Industrial Road as it exists
15 north of Sahara Avenue and south of Charleston Boulevard.

16 2. To direct City staff to place appropriate signage along Industrial Road to reflect the action so taken.
17 Such signage shall be designed, installed and paid for in accordance with applicable guidelines and
18 policies.

19 PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of July, 2017.

20 CITY OF LAS VEGAS

21 BY 
CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

22 ATTEST: 
23 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

24 APPROVED AS TO FORM
25  6-5-17
Val Steed, Date
26 Deputy City Attorney