

## **ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Munir Muhammad was born March 27, 1950 in Birmingham, Alabama to Mary Henley Waller and Robert L. Waller who both have preceded him in death. Munir moved to Chicago in 1968 after graduating high school where he began working for DeMert & Dougherty. In 1970 Munir married his wife Aminah Muhammad, and this union produced two children Jamil and Aginah Muhammad. Dedicated to family, Munir effectively began laying the foundation to build a better life.

**WHEREAS**, Munir became an assistant code enforcement officer for the City of Chicago, where he worked for 10 years. In 1981 he became an independent insurance producer for Jackson National Insurance Company.

**WHEREAS**, At age 22, Munir heard the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and joined the Nation of Islam (NOI) under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Munir was a staunch believer of focusing on food, clothing and shelter, which he knew were the necessities for his community.

**WHEREAS**, After the departure of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in 1975 Munir had a strong desire to acquire a building to establish a presence in the community. He kept that desire in mind when he decided to have a meeting in the basement of his home with a group of individuals who shared the same desire. They started with a simple purpose: to get a billboard with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's picture reading "**Do you remember this man?** So, in 1987 Munir co-founded The Coalition for the Remembrance of the Honorable Elijah (C.R.O.E.) with Half Muhammad and Shahid Muslim to remember a man who was greatly misunderstood.

**WHEREAS**, C.R.O.E expanded in 1992 when Munir purchased a new facility located at 2435 W 71st Street and 2 years later purchased the building next door which is home to C.R.O.E TV production studio as well as the parking lot across the street.

**WHEREAS**, In addition to serving as Executive Producer, Munir also hosted several television programs, including The Munir Muhammad Show and Muhammad and Friends.

**WHEREAS**, Over a span of 25 years Munir Muhammad interviewed people from all walks of life, from politicians to important figures not just in Chicago but across the world.

**WHEREAS**, Munir also served on numerous boards and commissions such as the Illinois Human Rights Commission, Cook County Board of Corrections, Sheriff's Committee on Religious Tolerance, Chicago Police Department's Forum to Strengthen Relations between Police and Diverse Communities and the Superintendent of Police, Multicultural Forum.

**WHEREAS**, Munir Muhammad made his transition on Tuesday July 9, 2019, and is survived by his wife Aminah, son Jamil and daughter Aginah Muhammad.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which allows erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of West 71<sup>st</sup> Street, between South Artesian Street and South Campbell Street as "Munir Muhammad Way"

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.



**Alderman 17<sup>th</sup> Ward**

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David Moore

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