

Ordinance No. 609-2020**By Council Member:** Bishop**An emergency ordinance designating East 139th Street between Lambert and Union Avenues with a secondary and honorary designation of “Tyrone Bolden Way.”**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cleveland want to honor Tyrone Bolden Jr. with a secondary street sign designation of “Tyrone Bolden Way” in recognition of his service as a City Councilman, Pastor and founder of Broken Pieces Ministries in 1993, and member of St. Phillips Protestant Church in Cleveland where he entered into the Gospel Ministry; and

WHEREAS, as a Cleveland City Councilman, elected to then Ward 28 (redistricted in about 1985 to Ward 3, and then again to Ward 2) he prioritized “saving the Black neighborhoods and motivating its residents” by working with the Mt. Pleasant Community Council and the Police Department to increase police visibility in his ward, advocating for better recreational facilities like adding a swimming pool at Luke Easter Park, and initiating the “Paint Program” for community youth to paint residents’ homes; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone emulated Martin Luther King, Jr. by improving the lives of Black people; his dedication to meeting the daily needs of the people in his ward with integrity, honesty, and concern for the poor won him the respect of community leaders and area residents; and

WHEREAS, affectionately called “Tus” by family members and dear friends, he planned and promoted family reunions, picnics and baseball games, coached youth baseball and softball teams, never met a stranger, and helped anyone who asked, doing for others before himself; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That East 139th Street between Lambert and Union Avenues is designated with a secondary and honorary designation of “Tyrone Bolden Way.”

Section 2. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Referred to the Directors of Public Works; City Planning Commission; and Law; Committee on Finance.