



City of Newark

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Newark, New Jersey 07102

Legislation Text

File #: 23-1287, Version: 1

Dept/ Agency: Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Ceremonial Street Designation

Honoree: Sakia Gunn

Date(s): To Be Determined

Official Street Name(s): Intersection of Academy Street and Halsey Street

Ceremonial Intersection Name: "Sakia Gunn Way"

Sponsor: Council President, LaMonica R. McIver

Additional Information:

The Ceremonial Street Dedication will be held on a date and time to be determined.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 6PSF-f, adopted on May 20, 2015, authorizes the designation of an intersection, etc., for honorary and ceremonial purposes; and

WHEREAS, Sakia Gunn, who was born May 26, 1987, in Newark, New Jersey, lived a short, but impactful life, that galvanized the LGBTQ community for positive actions and their demands for equality; and

WHEREAS, her untimely death on the fateful evening of May 11, 2003, defending her right as an individual to be gay and lesbian, was the catalyst that spurred numerous outpourings of support, and led to the establishment of the influential Newark Pride Alliance, an LGBTQ advocacy group, in addition to, the first chapter of the Parents and Families of Lesbians and Gays (PLAG) organization and several scholarships opportunities for LGBTQ youths; and

WHEREAS, Sakia Gunn will always be remembered for her pride, self-awareness and providing a legacy and reminder of the road to equality and civil rights for the gay community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Municipal Council does hereby authorize the honorary and ceremonial renaming of Academy Street and Halsey Street as "Sakia Gunn Way."
2. The official name of the said streets shall remain Academy Street and Halsey Street in their entirety.

STATEMENT

This Resolution authorizes the naming of the intersection of Academy Street and Halsey Street as "Sakia Gunn Way", for honorary and ceremonial purposes.