

COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Berea, Ohio

Ordinance No. 2018-50

By Margarette S. Key Sponsored By Mayor Cyril M. Kleem
Council President Mary L. Brown
Councilman Nick Haschka
Councilwoman Margarette S. Key
AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING THAT THE STREET CURRENTLY KNOWN AS WESLEY DRIVE SHALL HEREBY RECEIVE THE HONORARY, SECONDARY NAME OF "REV. LEROY MCCREARY WAY" IN HONOR OF REV. LEROY MCCREARY, AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF BEREAL AS A COMMUNITY LEADER, A CHURCH LEADER AND A CHAMPION OF THE YOUTH OF BEREAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Rev. Leroy McCreary was born in Mobile, Alabama and moved to the Cleveland area at age 17; and

WHEREAS, Rev. McCreary earned a Bachelor's Degree from Cleveland State University, a Master's Degree from Case Western Reserve University and a Master's Degree from Ashland Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Rev. McCreary made his home in Berea, with his wife, Elaine, and daughters, Tina and Nicole; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Leroy McCreary served as Pastor of the People's Community Church of Berea since 1975 and has, as Pastor, provided outstanding leadership and direction to the congregation in identifying, purchasing and establishing a permanent home on the North End of the City; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the People's Community Church, the congregation steadily increased in membership and in its involvement in the International Council of Community Churches, where Rev. McCreary served a two-year term as President; and

WHEREAS, from 1979 to 1989, Rev. McCreary was an elected member of the Berea Board of Education, and has also served as a member of the Berea City School District's Educational Foundation for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, from 1995 to 2013, Rev. McCreary served on various leadership boards of the Southwest Community Health System, including serving as both Vice-Chair and Chair; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Rev. McCreary retired from his position as Chief, Operations Office of Human Resources at the NASA John Glenn Research Center, where he served with distinction for 37 years; and

WHEREAS, Rev. McCreary has devoted considerable time to the youth of Berea, including service as a member of the Board of OhioGuidestone, on the Realizing Your Potential Advisory Board of the Berea City School District, and as a mentor to Realizing Your Potential student participants; and

WHEREAS, Rev. McCreary has served for more than a decade as Board Chair and President of the North End Foundation of Berea, providing leadership in securing an increasing number of summer jobs for Berea-Midpark High School students; and

WHEREAS, Rev. McCreary served with distinction as Chaplain to the Berea Police Department and is currently serving on a citizen employment panel established by Mayor Kleem to interview candidates for positions in the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Chamber of Commerce presented Rev. McCreary with the Grindstone Award in recognition and honor of his service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Rev. McCreary will soon retire from his position at People's Community Church; and

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By Kay Sponsored By Mayor Kleem; Council President Brown
Council Members Kay + Haschka

WHEREAS, Mayor Kleem and members of Berea City Council wish to honor Rev. McCreary with the designation of "Rev. Leroy McCreary Way", in recognition of his decades long service to the City, his congregation and the youth of Berea.

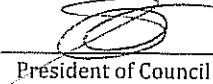
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berea, Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Wesley Drive shall receive the honorary, secondary name of "Rev. Leroy McCreary Way" in recognition of his ongoing contributions to the City of Berea as a community leader, Church leader and champion of our youth.

SECTION 2. That is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

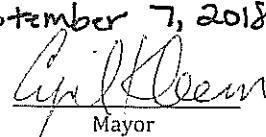
SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare, or providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, and for the further reason that it necessary to begin immediate construction of the street sign plaque so that it can be completed in time for Rev. McCreary's retirement celebration. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: September 4, 2018


President of Council

ATTEST: Phys Es
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: September 7, 2018


Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Paul J
Director of Law