

ORDINANCE
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: June 17, 2021

CALENDAR NO. 33,356

NO. _____ MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS GIARRUSSO, GISLESON PALMER, NGUYEN,
MORENO AND GLAPION**

AN ORDINANCE to change the name of the Palmer Park to Marsalis Harmony Park; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, the New Orleans City Council unanimously voted to establish the nine-member City Council Street Renaming Commission (CCSRC) via M-20-170, as an advisory committee tasked with running the public process for making recommendations to rename City of New Orleans streets, parks, and places that honor white supremacists; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its purpose, the CCSRC held several public meetings, held a series of neighborhood outreach meetings, and provided public comment forms on the Commission's website to engage citizens in the renaming process; and

WHEREAS, after researching and reviewing historical resources and considering the comments from the public, the CCSRC released its final report on March 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the CCSRC recommends the renaming of 37 streets, parks, and public places across New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, additional community input and engagement was solicited; and

WHEREAS, one such place, Palmer Park, named for Presbyterian pastor Benjamin Palmer, who delivered a Thanksgiving Day speech in 1860 which acted as a catalyst for Louisiana to secede from the Union and join Confederate forces, thereby supporting the Confederate

military's treasonous insurrection against the United States from 1861 to 1865; **NOW
THEREFORE**

1 **SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**
2 **ORDAINS**, That the park currently known as Palmer Park, located at the intersection of S.
3 Claiborne Avenue and Carrollton Avenue (municipal address 8211 S. Claiborne Ave.), shall
4 henceforth be named Marsalis Harmony Park.

1 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Public Works shall signify all changes imposed by this
2 ordinance though the installation of new signage.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Clerk of Council shall notify the Department of Parks and Parkways,
2 New Orleans Police Department, the New Orleans Fire Department, New Orleans EMS, the
3 Sewerage and Water Board, the United States Postal Service, the Department of Public Works, the
4 Orleans Parish Communications District, and all other appropriate agencies of the renaming.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS _____

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON _____

APPROVED:

DISAPPROVED: _____

MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ **AT** _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED: