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## **Miami Beach Names Street After Iconic Local Photographer**

— *Andy Sweet gained prominence by capturing daily life in Miami Beach during the late 1970s and early '80s* —

**Miami Beach, FL** – A young photographer who gained national prominence by photographing daily life in Miami Beach during the late 1970s and early '80s will be honored on **Friday, June 30 at 11 a.m.** when city officials rename a portion of **14 Street at Ocean Drive** as Andy Sweet Street.

“Andy Sweet’s photography represents a time capsule of life in South Beach during a key period in the city’s history,” explained Miami Beach Commissioner Alex Fernandez, who sponsored the street-naming measure.

Sweet, along with best friend Gary Monroe, began a decade-long Miami Beach Photographic Project with an emphasis on the city’s predominantly Jewish seniors at the time. South Beach entered a period of gentrification shortly thereafter to become an international destination.

Sweet was killed in 1982 at the age of 28. His work was later featured in “Miami Beach: Photographs by Gary Monroe and Andy Sweet,” published after his death and in the 2018 documentary, “The Last Resort.”

“Although he was taken from us at a young age, Andy Sweet’s work proved to be a timeless and endearing legacy to his artistic vision,” Fernandez added.

The street-naming ceremony will take place on 14 Street at Ocean Drive.

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