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Memorial Street Dedication

The City of Lake City announces the dedication of the Mariah Reginae Smith Forever 12 Memorial Street, a lasting tribute to commemorate a life tragically cut short by senseless gun violence.

The Lake City Council unanimously approved the resolution designating Long Street as the Mariah Reginae Smith Forever 12 Memorial Street. Through this dedication, we aim to celebrate Mariah's spirit and advocate for a future free from the devastating effects of gun violence.

The dedication ceremony is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023, at 5:00 PM, at 326 NW Long Street.

Mariah's story serves as a painful reminder of the urgent need for community-driven efforts to address the pervasive issue of gun violence. The dedication is not merely symbolic; it is a call to action for our community to unite against senseless violence and work towards a safer future for our children.

Interim City Manager Dee Johnson expressed, "The dedication of the Mariah Reginae Smith Forever 12 Memorial Street is a solemn commitment to remember Mariah and all victims of gun violence. It is our hope this memorial will spark conversations, inspire change, and serve as a beacon of remembrance for years to come."

The ceremony will include heartfelt remarks from a city official, the family clergy, and a member of Mariah's family.

For further information about the dedication ceremony or to learn more about the Mariah Reginae Smith Forever 12 Memorial Street, please contact the City Manager's Office at 386-752-2031.