

Proclamation No. 15-0511 Honoring Joseph C. Padilla for his service to the Denver Police Department

WHEREAS, Denver City Council wishes to recognize Captain Joseph Padilla, who has worked tirelessly for the City and County of Denver in the Police Department for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Padilla started his career in law enforcement in 1977 for Northglenn as a patrol officer, worked as a patrol officer and investigator for Westminster, and earned his way to become captain in the Denver Police Department; and

WHEREAS, As a detective for the Denver Police, Joseph worked various assignments; including, the Vice/Drug Control Bureau, Career Criminal Unit, Crack Task Force, Narcotics Enforcement in Public Housing Unit and street narcotics teams, even working on a 24-month Federal narcotics case that resulted in the apprehension of a large number of drug-distribution suspects; and

WHEREAS, Joseph was promoted to lieutenant of the investigations division, assigned to the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program, coordinating narcotics intelligence information and the management of local, state and federal intelligence personnel assigned to Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.; and.

WHEREAS, as Captain in the Denver Police Department, Mr. Padilla was assigned to commander of the gang bureau, commander of the juvenile and traffic operations bureaus in the special operations unit, and in 2012 became captain of the civil liability and professional standards bureau; and

WHEREAS, Captain Padilla has received many accolades and awards, including: nominated for the Presidential Medal of Valor, The Medal of Honor, two distinguished service crosses, and 2 medals of valor from the Denver Police Department, among many other awards and commendations from citizen groups and police departments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver congratulates and celebrates Captain Padilla for his long distinguished career and service to the Denver Police Department and his continued legacy of earnest policing and immense valor.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Joseph Padilla.

	 PRESIDENT

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 13, 2015