

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 21-0719

A Proclamation Honoring Deputy James Herrera and Deputy Daniel "Duke" Trujillo

WHEREAS Deputy James "Jimmy" Herrera was a combat veteran of the United States Army who started his career with the Denver Sheriff Department (DSD) in 1996 and was assigned to the County Jail at 10500 E. Smith Road in Denver. Deputy Herrera had 3 children: Christina, Andrew, and Stephen. In 2010, Deputy Herrera was transferred to the Downtown Detention Center, where he worked various post assignments throughout the facility. In 2016, Deputy Herrera was transferred to the Intake Unit. Deputy Herrera thrived at the Reception Desk, where he would answer questions posed by the public, interact with visitors, and provide security for the lobby. He would also volunteer to work overtime on a regular basis to help out the team; and

WHEREAS Deputy Herrera is remembered by his colleagues and within the community as a generous man who would help anyone in need. There were occasions that people were released from custody and didn't have any resources or a place to stay. Deputy Herrera, on multiple occasions, would give individuals money to buy a meal or a bus ticket. His co-workers recount a day when DSD ran out of hotel vouchers and Deputy Herrera purchased a hotel room for the individual to avoid him sleeping in the winter cold. He is remembered for his heart of gold and kindness to everyone he met. He believed that everyone needs a helping hand from time to time and that we need to take care of each other; and

WHEREAS Deputy Herrera was a mentor within the department and helped coach new deputies. He knew his policy and procedures, followed them, and ensured that his fellow deputies were taught to do the same. Deputy Herrera would bring in donuts, burritos, and coffee for his fellow deputies and truly loved the people he worked with. He was always trying to bring the team together, boost morale, and believed in making DSD a better place. His colleagues are proud to have worked with him and remember him as an inspiring person they truly enjoyed working with; and

WHEREAS Deputy Herrera was also a humble man who believed he didn't need to be recognized for doing his job. In 2018 he received a P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Responsibility in Delivering Excellence) Award and was recognized for going above and beyond by providing excellent service to the public. Deputy Herrera dedicated his life to serving others, truly exemplifying the best qualities of a DSD deputy; and

WHEREAS Deputy Daniel "Duke" Trujillo was a combat veteran of the United States Marine Corps who joined the Denver Sheriff Department in 2014. He and his wife Ashley were raising a son, Benny "Beau" Trujillo, and his life was dedicated to serving others; and

WHEREAS Deputy Trujillo was known within the department and the community for his huge personality, red rosy cheeks, big welcoming smile, and a great sense of humor. He is remembered as professional and approachable, known for being friendly and willing to talk to anyone and also stood out as a leader among his peers, and a great listener; and

WHEREAS Deputy Trujillo's team at DSD remembers the strength within him that would rally them in times of adversity and buoy the spirits of those around him when things were challenging. He would not shy away from his responsibilities and would be the first to get involved in a difficult situation and find a swift resolution; and

WHEREAS Deputy Trujillo had a strong work ethic and strived to be the best version of himself. He had so much potential and was a shining star within the department. He was passionate about what he believed in and encouraged others to get involved and truly wanted to make the Denver Sheriff Department a better place for the men and women he worked with.

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 honors the memories of Deputy James Herrera and of Deputy Daniel "Duke" Trujillo and remembers their steadfast and meaningful service to the City of Denver and dedication to our community.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the Herrera and Trujillo families.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL June 21, 2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Gilmore".

PRESIDENT