

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-1238

Honoring Retired Police Commander Jeffrey Martinez for Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted by the United States Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan on Aug. 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Police Department has a long history of strong Hispanic leadership within its ranks, including three fallen officers: patrol officers Robert Sandoval and Ronald Leon DeHerrera, and Detective Fred Renovato; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Police Museum is honored to partner with the National Latino Police Officers Association to honor retired Denver Police Commander Jeffrey Martinez; and

WHEREAS, Martinez is a third-generation Coloradan, growing up in College View and attending College View Elementary and Kunsmiller Junior High schools before graduating from Lincoln High School, later attaining an undergraduate certificate in criminal justice management and his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix; and

WHEREAS, Martinez began his career in 1995 with his first assignment as a patrol officer in southwest Denver and continued his career with a wide variety of assignments including commander of Districts 5 and 1 and commander of the Denver Homeland Security Bureau; and

WHEREAS, during his time as a Denver police officer, Martinez received numerous awards for his leadership and service including the Medal of Honor, two Superior Tactics and Response Awards, seven official commendations, four commendatory letters and more than 75 letters of appreciation from the public and the department; and

WHEREAS, Martinez graduated from the Police Executive Research Forum, the Senior Management Institute of Police, the Latino Leadership Institute at the University of Denver and has been a member of the Colorado Latino Forum, the National Latino Police Officers Association and is a founding member of Latinos Impacting Our Future Together; and

WHEREAS, Martinez retired as a commander in the Denver Police Department in October 2020 and his talents were quickly recognized by the City of Sheridan, which appointed him Police Chief that same month; and

WHEREAS, Martinez is blessed with a lovely family including his wife Janine, children Adina, Davina, Jeffrey Jr. and Joshua, stepchildren Ariel and Aaron, 10 grandchildren, three brothers and three sisters, countless cousins and a large blessing of friends, all of whom live in the Denver area.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council honors and thanks retired Commander Jeffrey Martinez for his outstanding record of service to the people of Denver; and

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Jeffrey Martinez and his family, and to the Denver Police Museum.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 23, 2024

PRESIDENT

