

PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO OFFICER LUIS MONTENEGRO OF THE HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT AS THE 2019 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Luis Montenegro was raised in Pinole, attending St. Patrick's Elementary and graduated from St. Patrick / St. Vincent High School in Vallejo in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Luis Montenegro continued his education and in 2011 received his Bachelors of Science degree in Sociology from California State University, Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Luis Montenegro attended and graduated from the Contra Costa County Law Enforcement Academy and was subsequently hired as a fulltime police officer with the Fairfield Police Department in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Officer Montenegro decided to continue his law enforcement career in Hercules and was hired as a full time police officer with the Hercules Police Department on November 14th, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018 Officer Montenegro rescued a victim of sex trafficking, a minor who was abducted from Yolo County, and arrested the suspect who was later sentenced to State Prison; and

WHEREAS, Officer Montenegro holds the position of Police Explorer Advisor, where he mentors, trains, and guides youths 14 – 20 years of age who are interested in a law enforcement career; and

WHEREAS, Officer Montenegro has been recognized by his supervisors as an excellent mentor and instructor and as a result of his excellent performance, commitment and knowledge, Officer Montenegro was selected to be one of the Department's Field Training Officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Montenegro was appointed to the position of Police Corporal where he assisted the Watch Commander, trained new Officers, and assumed the position of Shift Supervisor in the absence of the Team Sergeant from November 2018 through January 2019; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Corporal Montenegro accounted for 9% of all Calls For Service, 13% of all Reports taken, 11% of all arrests made, and 9% of all citations issued; and

WHEREAS, in a secret ballot Corporal Montenegro was a near unanimous selection for Officer of the Year by his peers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Dan Romero, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Hercules community, do hereby commend and express appreciation to Corporal Luis Montenegro for his dedication to the law enforcement profession and the community he proudly serves.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed on this 26th day of February, 2019.

Dan Romero, Mayor