

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **REMEMBERING CHARLES “CHUCK” LEE DURLEY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF HERCULES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hercules staff and community lost a dedicated employee and team member with the passing of Charles “Chuck” Lee Durley on April 8, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles was born on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1956 in Queens New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles Lee Durley was a veteran who served as a Cryptologist in the United States Navy and had the opportunity to travel to many countries around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, while stationed in the Philippines, Charles met his loving wife Nelia. After finishing his Navy Career at Skaggs Island, California, they settled in Vallejo California; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles was a proud father and an active role model to his three beautiful daughters, Purliner, Chanel, and Tamara. He enjoyed spending time with his family, muscle cars, cooking, football, dance, music, and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2009, Charles was hired as a Part-Time Temporary Information Systems Technician I with the City of Hercules. He worked various assignments for the Hercules Police Department, which included desktop support, hardware and software maintenance, and technical training; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2010, Charles was reclassified as a Part-Time Information Systems Administrator. He continued to be a devoted team player by participating in Information Technology projects, including equipment upgrades and implementations for the Hercules Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being laid off on April 29, 2011 due to the City of Hercules financial crisis, Charles faithfully continued to serve the City by volunteering his time to support the Hercules Police Department’s Information Technology needs; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, Charles was rehired as a Full-Time Cable/Communications Technician with the City of Hercules. He provided continuous support for the City Council, seamlessly controlling the audio visual equipment throughout each meeting. In 2017 Charles played an integral role as Project Lead in rebuilding an over 20-year-old cable control room, by upgrading outdated analog cameras and controllers to digital equipment, allowing the community to stream Council Meetings via the internet; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles continued to be a valued asset to the Hercules Police Department. He maintained desktop computers, Mobile Device Communicators (MDCs) in police vehicles, countless software applications, police radios, and body cameras. He managed the long overdue rebuild of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as well as the Mobile EOC vehicle. He routinely looked for new technologies to improve the police department’s efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles was involved with St. Basils the Great, Parish in Vallejo. As an active member of the Church, he mentored the Youth through teaching Parish Youth Group Ministry, as well as RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and Baptism, sang in the choir every Sunday, and was an integral figure in the creation of St. Basil’s teen Apostles in Christ. His faith led him to enroll at Santa Clara University Jesuit School of Theology and was on track to receive his Master’s Degree in the Spring of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hercules has dedicated the audio/video control room as the “Chuck Durley Control Room” to commemorate Charles for his distinguished service.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Dan Romero, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and express appreciation to Charles “Chuck” Lee Durley’s many contributions to our City and the community, and extend to his family sincere sympathy upon his passing.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

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Dan Romero, Mayor