

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER THOMAS KOEPPE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FOR OVER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CITY OF HERCULES

WHEREAS, Thomas Koeppe was born and raised in West Contra Costa County, and graduated from Albany High School in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Thomas Koeppe began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Police Officer with the Hercules Police Department, volunteering his time, expertise and experience while completing Field Training and assisting Patrol; and

WHEREAS Officer Koeppe was hired as a full time Police Officer for the City of Hercules May 15th, 1994; and

WHEREAS, from 1994 to 2008 Officer Koeppe worked Patrol where he quickly established himself as an expert in DUI detection and enforcement earning the MADD DUI Award and the Department DUI Award while also focusing on general Traffic Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Officer Koeppe worked various assignments such as a Field Training Officer, Police Academy Recruit Training Officer, Bicycle Officer, Detective, Special Response Team Member and Sniper, and in 2007 was selected by his peers as the Police Officer of the Year for Hercules PD; and

WHEREAS, Officer Koeppe was promoted to Sergeant in 2008 where he oversaw a Patrol Shift, earning a Chiefs Award for Team Excellence, was a Watch Commander, and assumed duties as a Team Leader for the Special Response Team; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Koeppe promoted to Commander in 2012, stepping into the position when the Department was in need of additional command level leadership in tough economic times, where he supervised all of the Patrol Operations for the Department; and

WHEREAS, Commander Koeppe was heavily involved with the Hercules' Rotary Club International, and was the City's liaison for Special Olympics activities such as Bike the Bridges and the Torch Run, and was involved in numerous City events such as Community Clean-up, Fourth of July, National Night Out, and Belly Flops with the Cops; and

WHEREAS, Commander Koeppe earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Union Institute and University in 2007, attended the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, and the POST Management School; and

WHEREAS, Commander Koeppe earned several additional Department awards including the Life Saving Award the Iron 96 Award, and the Medal of Valor for his role in apprehending a violent felon who had terrorized a Refugio Valley neighborhood, committing car jackings and shooting into occupied houses; and

WHEREAS, Commander Koeppe retired from the Hercules Police Department on October 27th, 2020, after twenty-seven and one-half years of dedicated and selfless service to the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Roland Esquivias, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Hercules Community, do hereby recognize and express appreciation to Commander Thomas Koeppe for over 27 years of outstanding service to the Hercules Police Department, Hercules community, and the law enforcement profession, and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this October 27th, 2020.

Roland Esquivias, Mayor