



Citizen of the Month | April 2024

Jerry Lopez

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By Staff

City of Las Vegas

Citizen *of the* Month

Presented to

Jerry Lopez

On the *3rd* of *April* 2024



Carolyn G. Goodman

Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman

Cedric Crear

Councilman Cedric Crear

Victoria Seaman

Councilwoman Victoria Seaman

Brian Knudsen

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Knudsen

Olivia Díaz

Councilwoman Olivia Díaz

Francis Allen-Palenske

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Nancy E. Brune

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WHEREAS; THE MAYOR AND LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL EXTEND OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE AND RECOGNITION TO JERRY LOPEZ FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION AND COMPASSION TOWARDS FOSTERING AND ADOPTING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN; AND

WHEREAS; HE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF HIS FAMILY, GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND TO SUPPORT HIS WIFE IN HOMESCHOOLING THEIR SEVEN CHILDREN, SIX OF WHOM THEY HAVE ADOPTED AND WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS, DEMONSTRATING REMARKABLE CARE AND DEVOTION; AND

WHEREAS; HE WAS AN ACTIVE AND INVALUABLE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, SELFLESSLY SERVING IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES WITHIN HIS CHURCH, FROM SINGING IN THE CHOIR TO LEADING MISSION TRIPS AND BIBLE STUDIES, CONSISTENTLY PLACING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS ABOVE HIS OWN; AND


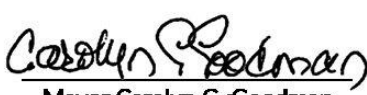




WHEREAS; HE AND HIS WIFE KAREN OPENED THEIR HEARTS AND THEIR HOME AS FOSTER PARENTS, WELCOMING NUMEROUS CHILDREN INTO THE THEIR FAMILY, PROVIDING LOVE, STABILITY, AND GUIDANCE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST, SHOWCASING INCREDIBLE RESILIENCE AND COMPASSION IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY; AND

WHEREAS; ANTHONY AND HIS ADOPTED CHILDREN JADON, ISIAH, ISRAEL, ELIZABETH, HANNAH, AND ISAAC WERE THE DRIVING PURPOSE IN HIS LIFE AND THEIR LIVES WERE FOREVER CHANGED BY HIS LOVE AND DEDICATION; AND NOW

THEREFORE; BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE MAYOR AND THE LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL DECLARE APRIL 3, 2024 AS

Jerry Lopez Day

IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND ASK ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO RECOGNIZE JERRY LOPEZ FOR ALL HE DID TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

 Councilman Cedric Crear	 Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman	 Councilwoman Victoria Seaman
 Councilwoman Olivia Díaz	 Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske	 Councilwoman Nancy E. Brune



WHEREAS; THE MAYOR AND LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WISH TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE KAREN LOPEZ-MARTINEZ FOR HER UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO FOSTERING AND ADOPTING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS; FOR OVER FIVE YEARS, KAREN HAS SELFLESSLY PROVIDED A LOVING AND STABLE HOME FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN; AND

WHEREAS; HER EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN SERVING HER COMMUNITY THROUGH VARIOUS CHURCH MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS DEMONSTRATES HER PASSION FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED AND NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION; AND




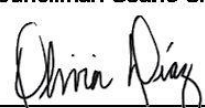
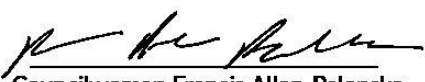
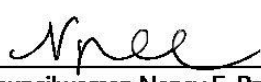
WHEREAS; HER RICH EXPERIENCE IN FOSTERING AND ADOPTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, INCLUDING THOSE AFFECTED BY MEDICAL CONDITIONS, MENTAL DELAYS, AND EXPOSURE TO SUBSTANCES DURING PREGNANCY, SHOWCASES HER EXTRAORDINARY COMPASSION, PATIENCE, AND RESILIENCE; AND

WHEREAS; SHE OPENED HER HOME TO A TOTAL OF TWELVE CHILDREN, ADVOCATING FOR THEIR WELL-BEING, FOSTERING THEIR GROWTH, AND ULTIMATELY PROVIDING A LOVING AND PERMANENT HOME FOR THOSE UNABLE TO REUNIFY WITH THEIR BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES; AND NOW

THEREFORE; BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE MAYOR AND THE LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL DECLARE APRIL 3, 2024 AS:

Karen Lopez-Martinez Day

IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND ASK ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO THANK KAREN LOPEZ-MARTINEZ FOR ALL SHE DOES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

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 Councilwoman Olivia Díaz	 Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske	 Councilwoman Nancy E. Brune