

CITY OF COACHELLA
CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, United States Capitol Police (USCP) Officers and law enforcement partners responded valiantly when faced with thousands of individuals involved in violent actions as they stormed the United States Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, this violent mob of rioters actively attacked US Capitol Police and other uniformed law enforcement officers with metal pipes, chemical irritants, and other weapons; and

WHEREAS, more than 50 United States Capitol Police Officers and Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia sustained injuries during the attack on the Capitol, with several USCP officers hospitalized with serious injuries, including one death; and

WHEREAS, as protesters were forcing their way toward the House Chamber where Members of Congress were sheltering in place, sworn **U.S. Capitol Police Officer Juan Lopez** from Coachella, heroically protected members of Congress; and

WHEREAS, a video from inside the Capitol shows Officer Lopez struggling to hold back the violent mob of rioters who pepper sprayed him six times; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Dr. Raul Ruiz said he was protected by Lopez, who he'd mentored since he was a senior at Coachella Valley High School. Ruiz stated he's "so grateful for and proud of Juan;" and

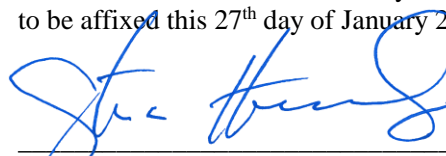
WHEREAS, the actions of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Juan Lopez are heroic and we recognize his invaluable contributions to protect the Members of Congress and their employees, and the United States Capitol building.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in me, do hereby recognize

Juan Lopez

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella to join me in commending him for his valor, commitment and dedication to the citizens of the United States.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 27th day of January 2021.



Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor
City of Coachella, California

