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Proclamation Recognizing the Retirement of Gary Martinez

- WHEREAS,** The Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, regrettfully acknowledges the retirement of Gary Martinez after 24 years serving in the Department of Public Works; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Martinez began his career at Public Works with the asphalt patch crew in April of 1997 and played a key role in maintaining asphalt surfaces, thereby ensuring safe travel for County residents, and was involved in many different aspects of the Highway Department maintenance program that included thousands of pothole repairs and the replacement of two bridge decks on Judge Orr Road and Shoup Road; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Martinez moved to the sign shop in August of 1998 and was instrumental in the Division's emergency response actions to include road closures due to flooding in the Broadmoor and Academy areas, the Ellicott tornado, and played a key role in the upgrade of thousands of traffic signs throughout the county; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Martinez played an important role assisting with traffic control during the Black Forest and Waldo Canyon fires in which his actions contributed to the safety of the community by limiting the entry of citizens which allowed our firefighters to focus on the destructive blaze; and
- WHEREAS,** his continued commitment to citizen safety is further evidenced by the 24 years of snow removal where he plowed through an estimated 500 snowstorms, including blizzards such as the bomb cyclone, and required very long days and nights to get the roads reopened for traffic; and
- WHEREAS,** his major accomplishments included supervising and leading the road striping program for the department where his dedicated service for over 15 years contributed to thousands of miles of roads being restriped and new lines laid down; and
- WHEREAS,** he was considered the resident expert when it came to road striping operations and maintenance of the road striper vehicle and became the primary trainer for the complicated road striper truck, passing his invaluable skills and knowledge on to the current team; and
- WHEREAS,** his colleagues describe Gary as a patient trainer that always got the job done; he taught numerous employees his keen skills of road striper operations, instructed new employees on the correct way to install signs, and most importantly, how to work safely in work zones; and
- WHEREAS,** everyone knew they could call on Gary for assistance when needed. He will be missed from the County, but his legacy will continue as he trained his replacement on his road to retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, hereby proclaims its gratitude to Gary Martinez for more than 24 years of dedicated service.

DONE THIS 18th day of May 2021, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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