

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo’s War Captain, Javier Loera, peacefully passed away on Monday, November 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, his parents Tomas Loera Sr. and Belen Chavez will receive him with praise and honor; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his brothers Arturo Loera, Tomas Loera, Jr., Sergio Loera Sr., and Richard Loera; and

WHEREAS, before becoming the War Captain, Javier Loera served in the Traditional Council as a Traditional Captain; and

WHEREAS, the War Captain position is said to be the second-highest spiritual leadership position in the Pueblo and is meant to ensure the spiritual well-being of the Pueblo, and as a lifetime position, it is also a position for a guardian of the Tribe, and War Captain Loera served the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo in this position for over 12 years; and

WHEREAS, War Captain Loera’s Tigua ancestral line is Olguin, well known as Tigua land and tribal protectors, with his grandmother Rosa Holguin Loera, being a descendant of Bernardo Olguin, who served as a Chief from 1870 through 1880, and with Simon, Bernardo, and other Olguin family members having served in the U.S. Calvary as Tigua Scouts; and

WHEREAS, War Captain Loera was also affectionately known as "Heavy"; and

WHEREAS, War Captain Loera was a distinguished yet humble and inspiring leader, having helped shape the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo through his dedication to tradition, strength, and teachings and especially having encouraged the Tigua people to appreciate the Pueblo core values and way of life; and

WHEREAS, War Captain Loera also served as the Tribal Preservation Officer, through which he oversaw the preservation, protection, curation, and management of ancestral sacred objects, properties, cultural places, historical documents, the Pueblo's water rights, traditional tribal lands, and the reintroduction of traditional farming; and

WHEREAS, as a War Captain and a tribal leader, he aspired to improve the quality of life for all Tiguas, to create a positive and empowering tribal environment, and to protect and preserve tribal lands for the next generations, and he also led the struggle to safeguard the Pueblo's sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, War Captain Loera had a keen interest in preserving the language and oral traditions of the Tiguas, and through his extensive knowledge of the history of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, native peoples, and oral stories, in addition to his talents in art, beadwork, painting, and the crafting of pottery and poetry; and

WHEREAS, War Captain Loera represented the Tigua community's spirit and embodied the ancestors' love and respect; and

WHEREAS, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo is forever grateful for his leadership and passion and will honor his memory for eternity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City of El Paso honors and recognizes the late War Captain Javier Loera for his leadership and passion; and
2. That the City of El Paso sends its condolences to the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo for the loss of War Captain Javier Loera.

APPROVED on this 22nd day of November 2022.



THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Laura D. Prine in blue ink.

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ignacio R. Troncoso
Assistant City Attorney