

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the electrifying world of lucha libre carries a legacy dating back to 1863, transcending borders and cultures to become an iconic part of Mexican and Mexican-American heritage and captivating fans worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Saúl Armendáriz, affectionately known as *Cassandra El Exótico*, graced the world of lucha libre as one of its most celebrated figures; and

**WHEREAS**, much like the border presence of lucha libre, Cassandra was also on the ropes of two nations, born on May 20, 1970 in El Paso, Texas and often shuttled between El Paso and his family's hometown, Ciudad Juárez; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 15, Cassandra embarked on his wrestling journey, training lucha libre in Ciudad Juárez. He made his professional debut in 1988 under various ring personas, including the masked Mister Romano and Rosa Salvaje, ultimately embracing the iconic identity of Cassandra; and

**WHEREAS**, Cassandra's courageous path as an openly gay luchador stands as a shining testament to the resilience and perseverance of a trailblazer; and

**WHEREAS**, the extraordinary life story and career of Cassandra has now been captured on the silver screen in the film so aptly named, "Cassandra".

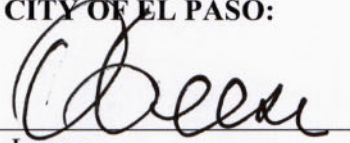
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the City Council recognize Cassandra for his illustrious 35-year career in lucha libre, becoming one of the foremost *exótico luchadores* in the world and commend Cassandra for sharing his life story which contributes the vibrant culture shared by the sister cities of El Paso and Ciudad Juárez.

*(Signatures begin on following page)*

APPROVED this 26 day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:



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Mayor



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