



# City of McKinney Proclamation

- WHEREAS** Juan Zapata has been a firefighter/paramedic with the McKinney, Texas Fire Department since August 18, 2008; and
- WHEREAS** Juan has proven himself a true champion of education and community service, as well as an inspiration with his passion for the fire service and the wellbeing of our customers – the citizens of and visitors to McKinney; and
- WHEREAS** Juan moved to the USA at the age of 15 years; and, inspired by his parent’s commitment to providing opportunities for growth and education, he dedicated himself to being an excellent student and athlete; and
- WHEREAS** After graduating from high school, Juan pursued the education and certifications to begin a successful as a firefighter and paramedic; and
- WHEREAS** In addition to his duties as a first responder, Juan dedicates himself to reaching members of our Hispanic community who may have limited or no English language skills with important fire and life safety messages; and
- WHEREAS** Juan often translates important safety messages and materials into Spanish for public distribution; and
- WHEREAS** Juan has most recently undertaken a proactive approach to increasing the cultural diversity in our organization by participating in recruiting efforts across the State of Texas; and
- WHEREAS** Juan’s positive and proactive attitude is admirable and to be emulated; and
- WHEREAS** Juan Zapata has been selected by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as the recipient of the 2012 Local Firemark Award honoring the valor and selfless spirit of firefighters who go above and beyond the call of duty and who have given back to their communities beyond their daily responsibilities

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN LOUGHMILLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, do hereby RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE** Firefighter Juan Zapata for his outstanding service and congratulate him on his selection as the recipient of the 2012 Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Firemark Award.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH 2013.**

**ATTEST:**

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Brian Loughmiller, Mayor

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Sandy Hart, City Secretary

