



WHEREAS, Arturo Lopez Diaz was a long-time employee of McKinney Independent School District and of the City of McKinney, and was a beloved member of our community; and

WHEREAS, born on July 10, 1961, in Corpus Christi, Texas, Arturo was the ninth of eleven children of Juan & Amparo Lopez Diaz, and in 1962, the family relocated permanently to McKinney, Texas, which became his hometown and the place he would dedicate his life to serving; and

WHEREAS, Arturo graduated from McKinney High School in 1979, remaining one of the biggest fans of McKinney Lions football and the Dallas Cowboys; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 1983, Arturo married the love of his life, Olga Salazar, in Robstown, Texas, and they were united for 42 years, becoming the parents of 3 daughters and 1 son, welcoming also twelve grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Arturo was the cornerstone of his family, and he treasured every opportunity to bring loved ones together - whether hosting a barbecue, gathering everyone for a spirited game of Lotería, preparing a big family breakfast, or cooking a large pot of menudo, his greatest joy came from spending time with those he loved; and

WHEREAS, known affectionately as Mr. Arthur, he served as a custodian at Finch Elementary and Malvern Elementary schools for 37 years, and Old Settler's Recreation Center for 26 years, often holding two full time jobs at once, and was highly respected, easily the hardest working, and the most liked among coworkers, students and everyone he befriended; and

WHEREAS, through his years of service, he watched generations of McKinney children grow up, leaving a lasting impact on countless lives through his kindness, dedication, and warm spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arturo Lopez Diaz, passed from this life on June 11, 2026, only weeks shy of his 65th birthday, the many people who knew and loved him hold dear countless memories of joy, generosity, and service that embodied his truest character; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to express our deepest gratitude for the life and service of Arturo "Mr. Arthur" Lopez Diaz, cherishing the lasting impressions he made in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL COX, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE, JULY 10, 2026, AS

"Mr. Arthur" Day

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, IN HONOR OF ARTURO LOPEZ DIAZ, OF A TRUE FRIEND OF OUR CITY.

SIGNED: _____
BILL COX, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary

City of McKinney, Collin County, Texas