

Certificate of Recognition

City of Palm Springs

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Presented to

SGT. THOMAS SWANN

On this 24th day of June 2004 in recognition of Sgt. Thomas Swann's perpetual leadership in bringing civil rights for all of the citizens of the Coachella Valley, especially minority groups.

Despite the burden of overcoming the trauma of AIDS-related physical disabilities, including blindness, Tom has continued his Quixotic quest for truth and justice.

During the many years Tom has resided in this area, his accomplishments are truly significant. With the help of Amvets State Commander, he became the founding Commander of Palm Springs Post 66 which, through his direction, dedicated the world's first monument memorializing Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgenders who died on a battlefield of an American War. This was followed by placing a Gay Memorial Paver at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

Sgt. Thomas Swann wrote an insightful autobiography, The Tom Swann Story, detailing his successful reversal of generations of discrimination against GLBT military employees.

The City of Palm Springs is proud to recognize Sgt. Thomas Swann as a true American hero who embodies the "can do" slogan of his beloved Marine Corps.

