

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Neftali Galarza, born to immigrant farm workers and raised in Oasis, an unincorporated community in the Eastern Coachella Valley, has a strong educational and professional background rooted in public service. He holds a Master of Public Administration from California Baptist University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Labor Studies from the University of California, Riverside; and

**WHEREAS**, Neftali lives in Coachella with his partner Lucero and their children Delanie, Aria, Neftali, and Gael and serves as a Councilmember for the City of Coachella where he has championed initiatives that directly benefit the underserved and support long-term community growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Notably, Neftali has played a pivotal role in establishing the Coachella Immigrant Families Recovery Program in partnership with the Mission Asset Fund. This ground-breaking basic income program offers financial support and resources to immigrant families previously excluded from federal assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Furthering his vision, Neftali has also forged a partnership with One Future Coachella Valley to facilitate a paid internship program at City Hall. This program provides invaluable government work experience to college and high school students, connecting academic learning with real-world applications and fostering an interest in public sector careers; and

**WHEREAS**, Neftali also serves as the Director of Community Engagement & Partnership under the leadership of Dr. Edwin Gomez, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools. Previously, he was a Board Member for the Coachella Valley Unified School District and the Director of Community Outreach for the California Alliance for Renewable Energy Solutions. He has also held positions as Program Coordinator at the Council of Mexican Federation and Regional Organizer at the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, demonstrating a commitment to community development and civic engagement; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor and Council of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in me, do hereby recognize

*Neftali Galarza*

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella to in joining me to commemorate his commitment to serving the community.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 22<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

  
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Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

