

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Deputies Benjamin McCoy and Ed Chavez both work as members of the Coachella Community Action Team (CCAT) providing dedicated service to the residents of Coachella; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2019, Deputies McCoy and Chavez responded to a shooting in Coachella. Upon arrival, Deputies McCoy and Chavez found a chaotic scene with numerous bystanders and family members in a very emotional state and the suspect's identity and whereabouts were unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy McCoy located the victim who was suffering from a gunshot wound to the back. Both deputies assessed the victim and found him to be bleeding, pale and having difficulty speaking; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputies McCoy and Chavez immediately used their training and trauma kit to render lifesaving first aid. The deputies used gauze to apply direct pressure in an effort to stop the bleeding. As Deputies McCoy and Chavez were rendering first aid to the victim, they had to constantly rouse the victim to keep him from drifting into unconsciousness. The deputies continued their efforts for ten minutes until paramedics arrived and took over; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to tending to the victim's injuries, Deputies McCoy and Chavez also had to have the presence of mind to watch and control their surroundings; scanning for a potential suspect and other threats. Deputy McCoy accompanied the victim in the ambulance to the hospital while his partner Deputy Chavez followed behind; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the entire incident, not only did Deputies McCoy and Chavez render lifesaving first aid, they also constantly had to work to keep the victim awake and attempt to retrieve suspect information, all the while dealing with multiple bystanders and the potential the suspect was still in the area; and

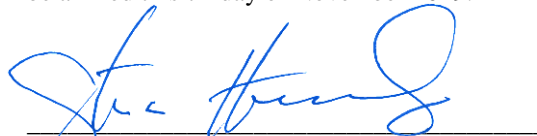
**WHEREAS**, this incident is just one example of the constant efforts by Deputy Benjamin McCoy to provide the highest level of service to the residents of Coachella, and we recognize his invaluable contributions to upholding justice, enforcing the rule of law, and protecting the innocent.

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

*Deputy Benjamin McCoy*

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella to join me in commending him for his valor, commitment and dedication to the citizens of Coachella.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.



Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

