

**WHEREAS**, Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic Richard Solorzano earned his promotion as a Company Officer in April 2013, and was assigned to Coachella Fire Station #79. There he became instantly immersed with the new paramedic squad program which was implemented in early January of that year; ensuring that its operations met all expectations; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard was a natural fit in the City and quickly earned the trust and respect of his peers and supervisors. He not only excelled in his job but also helped with the training of many firefighters, paramedics and students; and

**WHEREAS**, along with fellow firefighters, Richard reached out to local area schools and developed the interests of many youths about our fire and emergency services. Soon the Coachella Fire Explorer Post program grew to over 20 Fire Explorer cadets, where they learned valuable life skills while receiving training, mentorship plus an opportunity to live the firefighter dream; and

WHEREAS, From delivering babies to extinguishing house fires and providing lifesaving procedures, Engineer/Paramedic Solorzano has seen plenty of action running with a busy fire engine company. Through it all, Richard remains poised and steadfast while being a tremendous asset to the fire services which can sometimes become a daunting task.

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

## Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic Richard Solorzano

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