

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Marcos Machuca began his firefighter dream at the age of 19 when he was hired by the City of Coachella Fire Department in August 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, the growth of the city meant many busy work shifts for then Firefighter Machuca who battled numerous fires and tended to the public in their time of need; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1985, Marcos Machuca was appointed to the position of Fire Captain for the City of Coachella; and

**WHEREAS**, there he was influential in developing other firefighters, including the growth of the volunteer force; to learn and become proficient in their skills as firefighters and apparatus operators; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, Captain Machuca was awarded as Firefighter of the Year for his dedication and efforts as Training Captain; and

**WHEREAS**, as the City of Coachella became a part of the Riverside County Fire Department, Fire Captain Machuca worked fire station assignments during the early-to-mid 1990's in the communities of Thousand Palms and Oasis Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, during a seemingly quiet day, Captain Machuca responded to a semi-tractor fire in the Oasis area and assisted with the rescue of the driver, before flames engulfed the truck's cab; for his part, he was given a special commendation award; and

**WHEREAS**, again in 2012, Captain Machuca received the Firefighter of the Year award for his commitment and dedication to the City of Coachella Fire Services, and

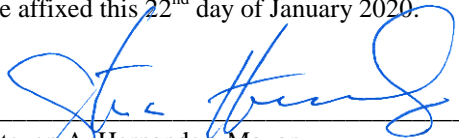
**WHEREAS**, on November 30, 2019, Marcos Machuca retired from from duty with CAL FIRE, Riverside County Fire Department and the Coachella Fire Services following 42 years of service.

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

*Marcos Machuca*

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella to join me in congratulating him for the service he has provided to the Coachella 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>nd</sup> day of January 2020.

  
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Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California