

CITY OF COACHELLA CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Chuckwalla National Monument was established by Presidential Proclamation on January 14, 2025, protecting approximately 624,270 acres of federal public lands in Riverside and Imperial Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Monument protects significant desert landscapes, wildlife habitat, open space, and scenic, recreational, scientific, and cultural resources that are important to the City of Coachella, the Coachella Valley, and Southern California; and

WHEREAS, these lands are part of the ancestral and living cultural landscapes of the Iviatim (Cahuilla), Nüwü (Chemehuevi), Pipa Aha Macav (Mojave), Kwatsáan (Quechan), Maara'yam and Marringayam (Serrano), and other Indigenous peoples, and contain sacred sites, cultural resources, and traditional places of significance; and

WHEREAS, the Chuckwalla National Monument provides opportunities for recreation, education, scientific research, cultural connection, and appreciation of the California desert for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella recognizes the importance of preserving the region's natural and cultural heritage and responsibly stewarding the desert lands that contribute to the quality of life and well-being of our communities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Frank Figueroa, Mayor and Council of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in us, do hereby recognize the

Chuckwalla National Monument

and urge all residents of the City of Coachella to join us in celebrating the Monument's importance to our region's natural, cultural, and recreational heritage.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 14th day of October 2026.

Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor
City of Coachella, California