

CITY OF COACHELLA
CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 2016, students from Coachella Valley High School and Desert Mirage High School joined community partners in a Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) project to better understand the experiences, needs, and hopes of LGBTQ+ people in the Eastern Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, the project demonstrated the value of engaging young people directly in research and community conversations about issues affecting their peers and community; and

WHEREAS, the work initiated through YPAR helped foster lasting partnerships and community engagement that continue to support LGBTQ+ visibility and connection throughout the Eastern Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, the East Coachella Valley has continued to celebrate LGBTQ+ identity, culture, and community through the East Coachella Valley Pride Festival and other community efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella recognizes the significance of this 10-year milestone and the lasting contributions of the youth and community partners who helped begin this work;

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

*Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) and
East Coachella Valley Pride*

and urge all residents of the City of Coachella to join us in celebrating the youth voices and community partnerships that have strengthened LGBTQ+ connection and visibility throughout the Eastern Coachella Valley.

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