

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia aims to coordinate international events that raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBT rights work worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the day also serves as a way to shed light on the issues and discriminations surrounding the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer Communities; and

**WHEREAS**, IDAHOT was established on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 by Activist Louis-Georges Tin to commemorate the day the World Health Organization removed homosexuality from the International Classification of Diseases list; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent times, the number of Anti-LGBTQ Bills have been popping up throughout the United States from Don't Say Gay in Florida, Denying Gender Affirming Care for Trans Individuals as well as discrimination against Drag Performers; and

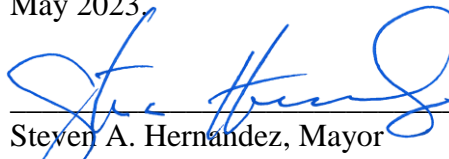
**WHEREAS**, the city of Coachella is a place that recognizes its Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning & Intersex residents and shall always be a sanctuary city for the LGBTQIA Community; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in me, do hereby recognize May 17 to be

*International Day Against Homophobia,  
Transphobia, Biphobia & Dragphobia*

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella to support our LGBTQIA 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.



Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

