

WHEREAS, after more than 25 years of combined service, Mark Walwick has announced his retirement from the City of Coachella, effective December 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in January 1990, Mark moved from the Southern California beach town of Oceanside to Palm Springs, California; and

WHEREAS, Mark started working as a contract employee for the City of Coachella after resurrecting their failed Novell file server in February 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mark worked as a contractor for the City until February 5, 2007, when he was hired fulltime as the Information Technology Manager; and

WHEREAS, Mark's major accomplishments were networking all the City properties so that staff in all locations could have access to all City programs, as well as keeping the City up-to-date regarding technology; and

WHEREAS, Mark met and married Mellany Miller while working here at the City, and they have now been married 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Mark has two sons and he is still waiting for grandkids. He and his wife plan to travel while continuing to promote the protection of wild free-roaming horses as an integral part of the natural system of public lands.

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

Mark Walwick

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella in recognizing his many successes and congratulate him on his retirement.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 8th day of December 2021.

Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor City of Coachella, California