

CITY OF COACHELLA
CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Maria Victoria Castillo has been a Coachella community member since 1966; and

WHEREAS, Since 2005, Maria has provided scholarships to Coachella Valley High School students for achieving thirteen years of perfect school attendance; and

WHEREAS, Maria has worked with elementary school children of the Coachella Valley for over thirty-eight years and continues doing so as a substitute teacher with CVUSD; and

WHEREAS, Maria has been nationally recognized for her books, "Field Work Through the Eyes of a Child" and "Let's Count with Maria & Contemos con María."; and

WHEREAS, Maria has donated her authored books to every school library in the CVUSD as well as to every public library in the Coachella Valley; and

WHEREAS, Maria received a Certificate of Recognition from Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia for her contribution to education and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Maria also received a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Congressman Dr. Raúl Ruiz, for her contribution to education and her farmworker activism work and outreach.

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

María Victoria Castillo

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella in joining me to express our profound admiration for her commitment and contribution to the 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 13th day of May 2026.

Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor
City of Coachella, California