

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk was born on May 22, 1930; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk stood as a tireless champion for fairness for all Americans, whether as a candidate or a dedicated member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, as one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States, Harvey Milk became a beacon of inspiration for countless individuals and a pivotal leader within the LGBTQ+ communities; and

**WHEREAS**, while in office, he worked relentlessly to enact an equal rights ordinance and to defeat Proposition 6, the discriminatory Briggs Initiative that threatened the livelihoods of gay teachers in California's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk was a skilled coalition builder, forging alliances with labor, farm workers, tenants, and seniors, demonstrating his commitment to broad social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, we gather to remember the tragic assassination of Harvey Milk on November 27, 1978, and celebrate his enduring legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, his untimely death ignited a powerful movement, inspiring thousands of activists to carry forward his fight for equality; and

**WHEREAS**, in the enduring memory of Harvey Milk, the city of Coachella should continue in its unwavering efforts to create equality for all of its residents embodying the spirit of his courageous vision; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, We, the Council of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in us, do hereby proclaim the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026 to be

*Harvey Milk Day*

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Dr. Frank Figueroa, Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Coachella, California

