

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, three high school students from the Coachella Valley joined forces to raise attention to the plight of the Salton Sea to kayak across the Salton Sea with the determination to raise attention to both federal and state leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, with Covid-19 affecting our lives, these students realized that once this pandemic has run its course, we will still be faced with the same environmental problems that plagued us before the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, At 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2020, Layton Jones, Evalyn Garcia, and Clayton Jones (Layton's brother), joined forces to take action and raise awareness of the dilemma confronting the Salton Sea. The Coachella Valley students kayaked across the large body of water. All three students hope to get the attention of federal, state and local leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Layton Jones, age 17 and a Palm Desert High School senior, is an intern at U.S. Representative Raul Ruiz, M.D.'s office where she is researching environmental problems at the Salton Sea and the negative impacts on Coachella Valley residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Evalyn Garcia, age 17 and a Desert Mirage High School senior, has worked with the Green Academy, where she has been collecting air samples throughout the east valley at different times of the day and recording the effects on local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Clayton Jones, age 16 and a Palm Desert High School junior, has an interest in hard science, physics in particular. He too has developed an interest in developing a solution to the issues facing the Salton Sea; and

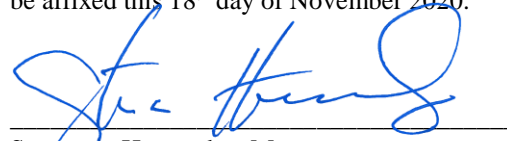
**WHEREAS**, Tired but triumphant, the three landed on the opposing shore just about 2:00 p.m., seven hours after starting their journey, and having traveled approximately 18 miles.

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

*Evalyn Garcia*

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella in joining me to commemorate her commitment to the citizens of Coachella, and determination to raise attention to federal and state leaders.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.



Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

