CITY OF COACHELLA CALIFORNIA Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was a tireless advocate of fairness for all Americans, whether as a candidate or a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was one of the first openly gay elected officials in the Unites States; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk inspired inspiration to many Americans but was also a leader in the lesbian, gay bisexual, and transgender community; and

WHEREAS, while in the office he worked tirelessly to pass an equal rights ordinance, and to defeat Proposition 6, commonly known as Briggs Initiative, which would have mandated the firing of the teachers in the state's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was a skilled coalition builder, reaching out to work with labor, farm workers, tenants and seniors; and

WHEREAS, we gather to commemorate the November 27, 1978 assassination of Harvey Milk; and

WHEREAS, his death inspired thousands of activists to continue his fight for social justice; and

WHEREAS, in the memory of Harvey Milk, the city of Coachella should continue in its efforts to create equality for all of its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor and Council of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim the 9th day of May, 2024 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 9th day of May 2024.

Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor City of Coachella, California