

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe Restaurant and owner Pedro Padilla's success story embodies the American dream; and

**WHEREAS**, born in San Juan De Los Lagos, Jalisco, Pedro Padilla immigrated to the United States at the age of 19 in search of employment opportunities. Through hard work and determination, Pedro gained culinary experience in various restaurants before saving enough to open his own business; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Pedro Padilla opened Santa Fe Restaurant in the City of Coachella, adding the Cathedral City location the following year; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe Restaurant stepped up to support seniors, struggling families, and our essential farmworkers during the pandemic. The food assistance program they launched saved many residents, senior citizens and farmworkers from going hungry. They were one of the first restaurants in the state who mobilized to provide this type of food delivery service, and they did so without hesitation or expectations of repayment; and

**WHEREAS**, Pedro Padilla and his wife, Mireya, remain dedicated to various charitable causes in the Coachella Valley community and uplifting the dreams of other immigrants. Pedro's generosity as a local philanthropist grew alongside his success as a business owner and helped students obtain computers to keep up with their virtual learning studies. His other charitable ventures include supporting higher education scholarships and citizenship assistance; and

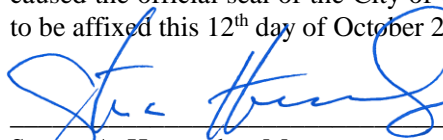
**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, restaurant owner Pedro Padilla traveled to Sacramento to receive the 2022 Small Business of the Year award from Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia at an event hosted by the California Small Business Association.

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

*Santa Fe Restaurant*

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella to join me in honoring them for their dedication to this 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.



Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

