

**WHEREAS**, Maritza Martinez joined the City on January 17, 2011 as Interim Director of Public Works and on July 30, 2011 she became Director of Public Works and also served as Interim Utilities General Manager for two years; and

**WHEREAS**, during this time Maritza led, organized and administered all aspects of the Public Works Department to achieve and implement goals, policies, and programs as directed by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, through her extraordinary leadership and vision, Maritza guided a stable and successful team dedicated to improving the quality of life of the residents of the City of Coachella by delivering a multitude of community projects and services such as parks, recreational services, refuse and recycling, urban greening, public events, senior services, facilities management, supporting youth sports leagues, leading emergency management, negotiating bargaining unit contracts; and

WHEREAS, as Director of Public Works, Maritza exemplified professionalism, expertise and sensitivity by successfully leading the City of Coachella through the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic era, enacting and coordinating emergency management through Tropical Storm Hillary, and then entrusted to serve as Acting City Manager; and

WHEREAS, her work will continue to guide the City of Coachella and the community will benefit from major projects that are in development due in large part to Maritza's contributions including the second phase of Rancho Las Flores Park, the Community Resilience Center, and completion of the Library Annex Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Maritza will leave a lasting legacy of commitment, hard work, dedication, and spirit of support and empowerment for employees and the community whose hearts she has won over.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor, and Council of the City of Coachella by the power vested in us, do hereby honor and commend Maritza Martinez for her exemplary leadership, dedication, and loyalty to the City of Coachella in which she has enriched the lives of all residents and, we wish her the best in all of her professional and personal endeavors.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor City of Coachella, California