

CITY OF COACHELLA
CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Andres “Andy” Martinez grew up in the City of Coachella, and attended Cesar Chavez Elementary, Cahuilla Desert Academy and graduated from Coachella Valley High School in 2001; and

WHEREAS, he chose law enforcement as his chosen profession from a very young age. At the age of 13, joined the Coachella Police Department Explorer program, and in 1999 transitioned into the Sheriff’s Indio Station Explorer program. As an explorer, he participated in hundreds of ride-alongs, youth leadership conferences and team building competitions across the United States. It was through this program that his foundation and passion for law enforcement, and public service was established; and

WHEREAS, Andy was hired by the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department on October 18, 2001, as a non-sworn Community Service Officer where he was tasked with issuing parking tickets, investigating traffic collisions and minor crimes; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2003, he attended the Basic Peace Officer Academy at the Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside and graduated in December of 2003. Andy’s first assignment was at the Indio Jail, where he worked many assignments to include floor operations, intake and transportation; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2005, Andy was transferred to the Sheriff’s Indio Station where he worked patrol in Coachella, La Quinta and the surrounding unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Andy was selected to serve as a member of the Coachella Community Action Team, where they focused on quality of life matters, crime series investigations, bicycle patrol, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, he was selected to serve on the Coachella Valley Violent Crimes Gang Task force representing the City of Coachella and was responsible for gang related investigations, coordinating with other agencies, jails, patrol and gang intervention; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2012, Andy was promoted to the rank of Sheriff’s Investigator and assigned to the Indio/Thermal Station, where he investigated general crimes against persons, crimes against children and fraud; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Sheriff’s Sergeant and transferred to the Palm Desert Sheriff’s Station, where he worked assignments in patrol, administration, and as the supervisor of the Investigations Bureau; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2019, Andy was promoted to the rank of Sheriff’s Lieutenant, transferred back to the Thermal Station, and assigned to serve as Coachella’s Assistant Chief of Police. Effective December 16, 2021, he assumed the role of Assistant Chief of Police for the City of La Quinta; and

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

Andres Martinez

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella to join me in honoring his achievements and congratulate him on his new assignment.



IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 12th day of January 2022.

Steven A. Hernandez

Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor
City of Coachella, California