

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, suicide was the 11th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 44 ; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States in 2021, there were an average of 132 suicides per day, resulting in over 48,000 suicides (Centers for Disease Control); and

**WHEREAS**, the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide loss and people with lived experience of suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide and can learn suicide risks and warning signs and encourage those who struggle to seek help; ; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations such as The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention envision a world without suicide, and are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide, through research, education, advocacy and resources for those who have lost or struggle; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide and can learn suicide risks and warning signs and encourage those who struggle to seek help.

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

*Suicide Prevention Week*

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella to promote awareness that there is no single cause for suicide, and that suicide most often occurs when stressors exceed current coping abilities of someone suffering from a mental health condition.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.



Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

