

WHEREAS, outdoor workers provide many essential services throughout California; and

WHEREAS, industries like emergency services, landscaping, renewable energy, public utilities, agriculture, professional sports, tourism, and construction depend heavily upon the labor of outdoor workers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the physical hardships, outdoor work is particularly difficult in the summer months when temperatures regularly exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit and reach up to 120 degrees in desert regions; and

WHEREAS, outdoor workers who provide vital services to Californians during these months face heightened risk for heat illness, smoke exposure, and heat-related death; and

WHEREAS, in the last decade, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reported 479 worker deaths due to environmental heat exposure, and workplace safety experts believe that the actual number of heat-related fatalities may be underreported or misreported as another cause, such as heart attacks; and

WHEREAS, employers are now required to protect outdoor workers by providing adequate rest time, water, and shade during the summer; and

WHEREAS, outdoor workers tirelessly dedicate their efforts to maintaining and improving our communities, while facing numerous challenges, including exposure to extreme weather conditions, physical exertion, and occupational hazards; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of outdoor workers often go unnoticed and underappreciated, despite their indispensable role in the daily lives of all Californians; and

WHEREAS, recognition and appreciation of outdoor workers promotes better working conditions, safety, and productivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jan C. Harnik, Mayor of the City of Palm Desert, and the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim July 13-19, 2025, as

Outdoor Worker Appreciation Week

in the City of Palm Desert and encourage all residents to join us in celebrating their contributions to our city.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, to be affixed this 10th day of July 2025.