

Whereas, Buford Crites served on the Palm Desert City Council from 1986 to 2006; and

Whereas, Buford Crites' passionate advocacy for the environment, water conservation, air quality, energy conservation and efficiency, led him to a position as chair of CVAG's Energy & Environmental Resources Committee for 14 years working to assure that air quality issues in the Coachella Valley were given attention and funding from AQMD; and

Whereas, as Board Consultant for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and liaison for CVAG, Buford actively supported funding for air quality issues including the CVAG Regional PM10 Street Sweeping Program; and

Whereas, Buford advocated for the Coachella Valley with respect to the environmental and energy issues at the local, state, and national levels. In January 2004 testified before the U.S House of Representatives' Committee on Energy And Commerce's Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, in support of the Salton Sea and regional air quality; and

Whereas, Buford was a significant supporter of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, a visionary regional plan for long-term protection of natural open space and wildlife habitat balanced with responsible growth; and

Whereas, Buford has been a passionate advocate for wildlife and habitat conservation and served as Chair of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Scenic Area (predecessor to the National Monument) Advisory Council, played a leading role in the establishment of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument; and

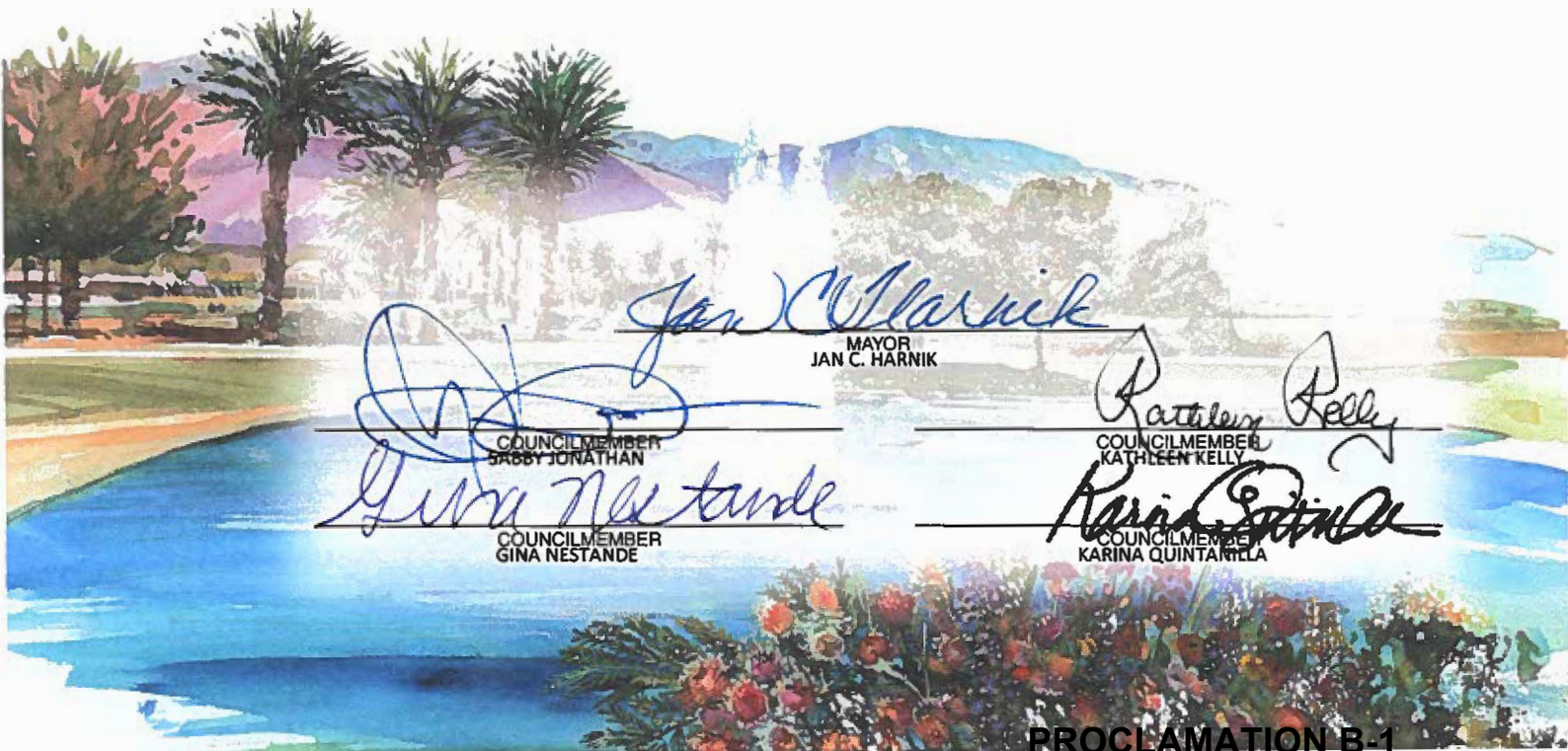
Whereas, Buford is a founding member of the Friends of the Desert Mountains, a non-profit partner for the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission working to preserve the beauty and integrity of our mountains framing the Coachella Valley;

Now, Therefore, I, Jan C. Harnik, Mayor of the City of Palm Desert, California, along with the entire City Council, with sincere appreciation do hereby recognize

Buford Crites

and urge all citizens to join me in extending our congratulations and appreciation for his dedicated service to our community.

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 17th day of November 2022



MAYOR
JAN C. HARNIK

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