

Proclamation

Carole's Kitchen, Inc.

WHEREAS, Carol's Kitchen, Inc., a nonprofit public benefit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1998, has served the Inland Empire with compassion, integrity, and commitment to feeding those in need; and

WHEREAS, for over 27 years, Carol's Kitchen has grown from a single kitchen to operating at four locations—St. Kateri Catholic Church in Beaumont and Banning, the Cabazon Community Center, and the United Methodist Church in Hemet—serving over 6,000 free hot nutritious meals monthly and over 1,000,000 meals since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Carol's Kitchen provides not only meals, but also grocery bags, fresh produce, gently used clothing, and hygiene products to individuals and families facing hardship, serving guests from all ages and backgrounds with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, the organization's 11-member volunteer Board of Directors, 175+ volunteers, and four dedicated staff members exemplify selfless service, ensuring consistent operations in the face of rising inflation, reduced funding, and increased demand; and

WHEREAS, Carol's Kitchen partners with public health agencies and nonprofits to expand its support to include vaccinations, medical and dental services, and connections to employment and housing resources; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Carol's Kitchen remained open and steadfast, continuing to meet the needs of vulnerable populations when they needed help most; and

WHEREAS, Carol's Kitchen has earned honors including recognition from the California State Assembly, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, the City of Banning, and being named Non-Profit of the Year in 2023 by the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the leadership, volunteers, and supporters of Carol's Kitchen are a shining example of community spirit and action driven by faith, compassion, and service;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, THAT I, MIKE LARA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE AND HONOR **CAROL'S KITCHEN, INC.** FOR ITS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO ALLEVIATING HUNGER AND UPLIFTING THE LIVES OF THOSE IN NEED THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR ITS CONTINUED SERVICE.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk