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Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION

HONORING

Jose Luis Aguiar

ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, through his years of dedication, Jose Luis Aguiar has been a well respected and instrumental member of the agricultural community in the Coachella Valley and Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 12, Jose Aguiar started working alongside his father in the Coachella Valley agricultural fields and, what began as a way to help his family economically grew into a passion and fulfilling career; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Jose Aguiar earned his Bachelor of Science degree in agronomy from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and his Master of Science degree in vegetable crops from the University of California, Davis in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Jose Aguiar joined the University of California Cooperative Extension as a vegetable crops small farm advisor; and

WHEREAS, as farm advisor in the Cooperative Extension Riverside County office in Indio, Jose Aguiar walked the fields with small farmers to hear about and observe issues and find solutions, presented research-based information to farmers and pest control advisors, worked with groups growing community gardens, and collaborated with many UC farm advisors, specialists and local agencies involved in agriculture; and

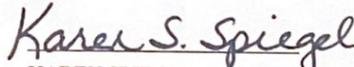
WHEREAS, Jose Aguiar's specialty in bell pepper was a great help in 2012, when he worked with farmers and UC Agriculture and Natural Resources researchers to resolve a challenge that threatened the Coachella Valley's bell pepper and chili crop; and

WHEREAS, Jose Aguiar brought enthusiasm to agriculture, making subjects such as vegetable crop diseases and pest problems accessible through his teaching style, and sharing expertise and advice to guide agricultural businesses to success; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, Jose Luis Aguiar retired from the University of California, following 28 years of service;

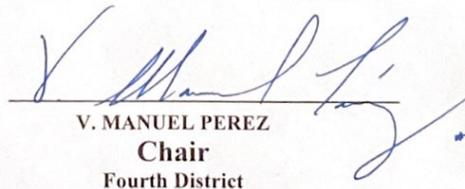
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby honor Jose Luis Aguiar upon his retirement, commend him for his contributions to the agricultural community and outstanding service to the public, and extend best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.


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