



# Board of Supervisors

## PROCLAMATION

### RECOGNIZING

## Hershey Bears Day

June 23, 2023

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**WHEREAS**, the Hershey Bears are a storied franchise of the American Hockey League, playing since the 1938-1939 season in Hershey, Pennsylvania, making it the longest continuously operating member club of the league still playing in its original city and creating a legacy that is a point of pride for all Hershey PA residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2022, Riverside County, California, the tenth most populous county in the nation and the fastest growing county in Southern California and among the fastest growing counties anywhere, became home to our first professional hockey team, the Coachella Valley Firebirds; and

**WHEREAS**, the arrival of the Coachella Valley Firebirds to Riverside County and specifically to the unincorporated community of Thousand Palms, in the heart of the Coachella Valley region of our county, is a result of the collaboration with the Oak View Group and the County of Riverside on the state-of-the-art Acrisure Arena; and

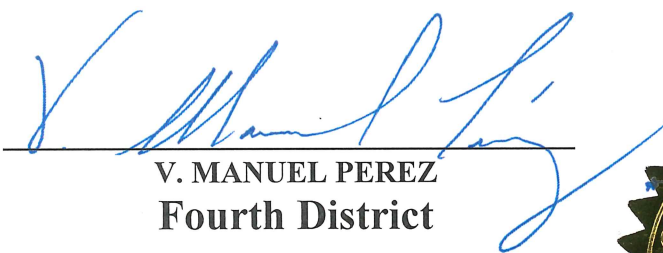
**WHEREAS**, entering the 2022-2023 season, the Hershey Bears had won 11 Calder Cup championship titles, the most of any franchise, as the Coachella Valley Firebirds took the ice for their first year as the newest team in the league and, during this magical season, built an amazing following and enthusiastic fan base including many who had their first experience of going to a hockey game; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bears and the Firebirds played their way through incredible seasons, and then through their respective postseason series, to meet in the Coachella Valley, and in Hershey PA, for the Calder Cup Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, these great teams played to Game 7 and overtime, for the first time in 70 years, ending with the victory by the Hershey Bears who battled back for their 12th Calder Cup Championship on June 21, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the series, we have a friendly competition with the Dauphin County Commissioners from Pennsylvania that has made this series even more exciting, and a wonderful way to highlight our teams and our communities that we are proud of;

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that I, Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, on behalf of the County of Riverside, declare today, June 23, 2023, as "Hershey Bears Day" in the Fourth District of Riverside County, acknowledge and congratulate the Hershey Bears on their victory, with sincere pride in our Firebirds for giving it their all and best wishes for being back at this Cup and perhaps the start of a great rivalry!

  
V. MANUEL PEREZ  
Fourth District

June 23, 2023

