



Proclamation

**Cocopah Month
September 2017**

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

For 3,000 years, the Cocopah Indian Tribe has lived on the Lower Colorado River and Delta. In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson signed Executive Order 2711, granting federal recognition and power to the Cocopah Indian Tribe. Although the Cocopah people could not return to their native lands, the Tribe has remained.

WHEREAS, in the last 100 years, the Tribe has preserved their traditional practices, helped fund countless charities, grown, thrived, and has left an indelible mark on the region today; and

WHEREAS, the Cocopah Indian Tribe has three non-contiguous reservations in Yuma County that feature housing, government services, commercial enterprises, and is now the 15th largest employer in Yuma County; and

WHEREAS, the Cocopah Indian Tribe, each year makes generous contributions to local governments in support of public safety, education, youth engagement, programs for senior citizens, and assistance to those in need who come from all backgrounds and all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the Cocopah Indian Tribe and its employees begin celebrating the Tribe's 100th anniversary of federal recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor of the City of San Luis, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as Cocopah Month in the City of San Luis, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the generous contributions the Cocopah Indian Tribe makes to the city and to numerous civic organizations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of August 2017.

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk