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City Hall  
City of Calipatria  
March 1, 2019  
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA  
**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**  
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL: Mayor: Maria N-Froelich, Mayor Pro Tem: Jim Spellins, Javier Amezcua, Huston Hisel, Hector Cervantes  
PRESENT:  
ABSENT:  
ALSO PRESENT:

MAYOR’S MESSAGE/PUBLIC COMMENT

Because this is a special meeting with a limited agenda, public shall be limited to only those subjects described in the agenda. CA GOVT 54956 shall apply to public comment. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

CENTENNIAL WELCOME AND RECOGNITION:

CENTENNIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Joint resolution- Office’s of Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia and Senator Ben Hueso

Resolution – Imperial County Board of Supervisors- Ryan E. Kelley; Chairman

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: SECOND: VOTE:  
PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA

**COMMEMORATING** the **100th** Anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of Calipatria, California  
March 1, 1919

**WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the members of the City Council of the City of Calipatria that the residents of the City of Calipatria owe a debt of gratitude to the pioneers that came to the Imperial Valley and turned the desert into some of the most productive agricultural lands in all the world; *and*

*and* **WHEREAS**, the Imperial Valley Farm Lands Association founded the town as Date City in 1914;

**WHEREAS**, the pioneers labored to build infrastructure, homes and businesses which allowed the town to grow and prosper; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the residents voted to incorporate and the town became the incorporated City of Calipatria on March 1, 1919; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the City has the distinction of being the lowest elevation city in the Western Hemisphere at 180 feet below sea level; *and*

**WHEREAS**, following a tragic automobile accident Calipatria resident Helen Momita was killed and her husband Harry was seriously injured. Calipatria residents rallied to Harry's aid and kept his pharmacy open while he recovered. To show his appreciation, Harry started the "Build the Flagpole" campaign. The campaign received national attention and Harry appeared on "This is Your Life" where he received \$1,000 in cash which put the campaign over the top. Now Calipatria is known for having the tallest flag pole below sea level. Further, throughout its history, Calipatria has been well known for its spirit of good neighborliness; *and*

**WHEREAS**, during its 100 year history Calipatria has been blessed to have numerous loyal City employees that have dedicated their careers to serving the residents of Calipatria. Among those City employees are police officers and fire fighters that have willingly placed their own personal safety at risk to protect the residents of Calipatria, two Calipatria officers having lost their lives in the line of duty; *and*

**WHEREAS**, during its 100 year history Calipatria has been blessed with business leaders, educators, and civic minded residents that have donated their time and money to provide service to the City, the residents, and children of Calipatria serving as Council members, Planning Commission members, members of numerous committees, coaches, mentors, fundraisers, and pitching in whenever and wherever needed to make the City a better place to live; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the members of the City Council believe that it is right and proper to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Calipatria and to take this opportunity to recognize the pioneers and all those people past and present that have worked and sacrificed for the benefit of the residents of Calipatria and to express the City Council's gratitude to all those people that have worked to make Calipatria a great place to live.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that it is with great pride that the City Council of the City of Calipatria commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of Calipatria.

MOTION:  
ADJOURN:

SECOND:

VOTE: