

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Green Valley Country Fair White Elephant was organized in 1964 by a small group of local community leaders to promote good fellowship and provide an easy way for Green Valley residents to get better acquainted and to give back to the community; and sales that year made by 16 volunteers were \$146.20; and

WHEREAS, 50 years later, the White Elephant has donated over \$26 million to over 700 worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, nearly 600 volunteers have donated approximately 120,000 volunteer hours valued at \$22.14 per hour, which equates to over \$2.6 million of economic impact; and

WHEREAS, through the Hollace G. Roberts Educational Foundation, the White Elephant has given over \$1.6 million in scholarships to an estimated 120 area high school students; and

WHEREAS, items that the White Elephant cannot resell are donated to other organizations, such as Salvation Army, Lions Club, Kiwanis, Casa Community Services, prison ministries, Border Patrol dog training as well as area schools, churches and shelters, which greatly enhance the scope of its contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, a yearlong celebration is planned to commemorate the White Elephant's 50th anniversary year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Friday, January 31, 2014, to be:

“50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREEN VALLEY COUNTRY FAIR WHITE ELEPHANT”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of January 2014.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board