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## Pima County Board of Supervisors

To:	Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board	
From:	Dr. Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2 M	-
Date:	September 19, 2023	X
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RE: BOS Agenda 10/03/2023: Proclamation

Please add this item to the regular agenda for 10/03/2023.

## Proclamation:

Declaring the month of October to be "Chinese Chorizo Month".

Thank you.

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Chinese and Mexican immigrants in Tucson from the 1880s through the 1960s faced harsh racism and xenophobia under American legislation; and

WHEREAS, by 1950, an estimated 114 Chinese grocery stores existed in Tucson; and

**WHEREAS**, Tucson's Chinese grocery stores became centers for community, in part because Chinese and Mexican immigrants historically helped each other thrive economically and culturally within Tucson's downtown barrios; and

**WHEREAS**, the mutual aid practices of Chinese and Mexican immigrants helped carry these communities through difficult times, including the Great Depression; and

**WHEREAS**, Chinese chorizo was born in Tucson's Chinese grocery stores as a result of Chinese and Mexican solidarity; and

**WHEREAS**, over time, Chinese chorizo became a lost food of the Tucson community; and

**WHEREAS**, Chinese chorizo has been revived by the Chinese Chorizo Project that includes the annual Tucson Chinese Chorizo Festival during the month of October.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of October 2023 to be:

## "CHINESE CHORIZO MONTH"

and calls upon everyone in Pima County to celebrate Chinese chorizo and the community solidarity that it symbolizes.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3rd day of October, 2023.

The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: