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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: