



## MEMORANDUM

Date: December 5, 2022

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Sharon Bronson *Sharon Bronson*  
District 3 Supervisor, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

**Re: Agenda Item for December 20, 2022 Meeting**

Please place the following items on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 20, 2022.

**New Business**

Proclamation stating that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims December 12<sup>th</sup> as the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States-Mexico diplomatic relations.

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2022, the United States and Mexico celebrated 200 years of diplomatic relations. U.S. relations with Mexico are strong and vital, and Mexico remains one of the United States' closest and most valued partners. The countries share a 2,000-mile-long border with 47 ports of entry. This relationship directly influences the lives and livelihoods of millions of Americans, whether the issue is trade and economic development; education exchange; citizen security; drug control; migration; human trafficking; entrepreneurship; innovation; environmental protection; climate change; or public health; and

**WHEREAS**, ties between the United States and Mexico extend beyond diplomatic and official relations, encompassing extensive commercial, cultural and educational connections. Hundreds of thousands of people cross the border legally each day. In addition, an estimated 1.6 million U.S. citizens live in Mexico and Mexico is the top foreign destination for U.S. travelers; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 1822, following the conclusion of the Mexican struggle for independence from Spain, José Manuel Zozaya y Bermúdez presented his credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to U.S. President James Monroe, establishing formal relations between our two countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the anniversary of diplomatic relations offers a chance to honor our past and seize the many opportunities we have ahead of us to work together. The bicentennial celebrates the greatness of our peoples, will change the narrative around how each country sees the other and establishes durable frameworks on shared priorities, such as the economy, clean energy, security, migration and to have a more comprehensive understanding of one another; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. and Mexico have a long history of connections across all aspects of life. As we encounter shared challenges, we celebrate this era of cooperation and respect in which we work together to achieve common objectives. This anniversary allows us to reflect on the past and, more importantly, to chart a course for the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the day of Monday, December 12, 2022, to be the:

**“200TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES-MEXICO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS”**

and invites all residents of the county to celebrate, share their stories and cherish our binational friendship.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 20th day of December 2022.

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The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors