

Adelita S. Grijalva, *Chair*, District 5

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 5, 2024

**TO:** Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5



**REGARDING:** Item for the June 18, 2024 Regular Agenda

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Please add the following to the June 18, 2024 regular agenda:

**Proclamation**

Designating the day of June 19, 2024 to be “Juneteenth Celebration Day” in Pima County (District 5)

Thank you

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved people in 1862, but the Civil War continued and Texas was far beyond the significant battlegrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, many slaveholders during the Civil War fled from war-torn areas to Texas, taking enslaved people with them; and

**WHEREAS**, there were thousands of enslaved people in Texas by the time Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered on April 9, 1865, yet they did not learn of their emancipation until June 19th; and

**WHEREAS**, the following year, in 1866, formerly enslaved people in Texas began celebrating Juneteenth as a holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, all 50 states, including Arizona, recognize Juneteenth as a day of celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Texas was the first in the nation to make Juneteenth a paid state holiday and 13 other states have since done the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress and President Joe Biden created the Juneteenth National Independence Day federal holiday to be celebrated every June 19th; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pima County community has come together to celebrate Juneteenth for over 50 years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Wednesday, June 19, 2024, to be:

## **“JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION DAY”**

and encourages all County residents to reflect on the significance of the Juneteenth holiday and the abolishment of slavery in our great nation, and to celebrate the extraordinary contributions and achievements of African Americans in Pima County and the nation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of June 2024.

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

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors