

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

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.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors