

Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 10, 2024

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5



REGARDING: Item for the July 16, 2024 Addendum

Please add the following to the July 16, 2024 Addendum:

Proclamation

Designating the day of August 10, 2024 to be "Alfredo 'Dr. V' Valenzuela Day" in Pima County (District 5)

Thank you

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alfredo Valenzuela, affectionately known by many as “Dr. V” has profoundly influenced mariachi music in Tucson for over thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. V was a pioneer who started the award winning mariachi program at Davis Bilingual Elementary School, opening the flood gates for other schools in Tucson and nationwide to follow suit and develop youth mariachi programs; and

WHEREAS, as a music teacher in Tucson Unified School District with a majority of his tenure as the Mariachi Director at Davis Bilingual Elementary School, Dr. V has impacted the lives of generations of children throughout the Tucson community, instilling the craft, vocation, and culture of mariachi music in an educational setting; and

WHEREAS, Alfredo and his wife Evangelina, raised three children: Rudy, Myrna and Jaime, all educators that teach mariachi music and have been inducted into the Tucson International Mariachi Conference Hall of Fame for their advancement and advocacy of mariachi music; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Valenzuela has engraved in the minds of youth to always reach for the stars while exercising humility and community service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. V’s students have gone onto become contributing members of our community as high school and college graduates, company CEOs, educators, engineers, attorneys, architects, professional mariachis and more; and

WHEREAS, Dr. V continues to serve the mariachi community after his retirement through volunteering with mariachi programs, collecting discarded instruments, repairing them, and then donating them to neighboring music programs; and

WHEREAS, Alfredo’s children, grandchildren and great grandchildren join the thousands of former students that continue to be part of Dr. V’s legacy by promoting and performing mariachi music; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alfredo Valenzuela is a treasure to the Tucson community who has lived his life in service to others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, August 10, 2024, to be:

“ALFREDO ‘DR. V’ VALENZUELA DAY”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of July 2024.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors