

Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 23, 2023

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5



REGARDING: Item for the September 5, 2023 Agenda

Please add the following to the September 5, 2023 agenda:

Proclamation

Proclaiming the month of September, 2023 to be "Hispanic Heritage Month" (District 5)

Thank you

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States started out as Hispanic Heritage Week, which was established by an act of Congress in 1968, then in 1988 expanded to Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 to October 15, in honor of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla's call to arms that launched the Mexican war for independence; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic heritage of Southern Arizona dates to the missions of Father Eusebio Kino, who founded Mission San Xavier del Bac in 1692, and whose footsteps were followed by the governments of Spain and, later, a newly independent Mexico, before the land became United States territory with the Gadsden Purchase in 1854; and

WHEREAS, descendants of those who lived in Tucson during its Spanish and Mexican periods, Hispanic and Native American, carried forward the cultures and traditions that are alive in the region today; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics comprise about a third of consumer spending in Tucson; about a third of small business owners, about two-fifths of the overall population and more than a third of Pima County's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic influences in Tucson's food traditions played a key role in UNESCO's 2015 invitation of Tucson to its prestigious Creative Cities Network as a City of Gastronomy; and

WHEREAS, Tucson welcomes international audiences for events unique to the entire world, like the All Souls Procession and the International Mariachi Conference; and

WHEREAS, Visit Tucson created the Viva Tucson! Initiative and organized events in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month 2023, including a traditional Mexican fiesta at the plaza of the Tucson Convention Center and a free Mexican Independence Day concert hosted by the Consulate of Mexico in Tucson at the Linda Ronstadt Music Hall, conducted by Venezuelan Director Jose Luis Gamez and featuring songs performed by the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and Mariachi Aztlán de Pueblo High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 to be:

"HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"

and calls upon everyone in Pima County to celebrate Hispanic heritage and recognize the extraordinary impacts of Hispanic peoples on our communities, economy, institutions and culture.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors