

Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: September 27, 2023

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita Grijalva, Chair and District Five Supervisor

REGARDING: Item for the October 3, 2023 agenda addendum

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Please add the following to the October 3, 2023 agenda addendum :

Proclamation

Recognizing Monday, October 9, 2023, as this year's "Indigenous People's Day."

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Indigenous people of the lands that later would become known as the Americas have lived in these areas since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Pima County has for millennia been the homeland of Indigenous people, including the Tohono O’odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe, whose contributions have been crucial to the evolution of the rich and diverse cultural history of our region; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is home to 22 sovereign Native American tribes, most of which were established before Arizona attained statehood in 1912 and whose jurisdictions cover 27% of the state’s land; and

WHEREAS, Pima County acknowledges that the progress of our nation as we know it today would not have been possible without the many technological, scientific, agricultural, philosophical, spiritual and cultural resources and achievements of Indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is committed to implementing policies and practices that address the barriers to the equitable participation of Indigenous people and other communities in all areas of society and improve their opportunities to prosper and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the idea of an Indigenous People's Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into a day to promote continental unity and to recognize a more accurate historical reality — a position that Pima County adopted in 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Monday, October 9, 2023, to be:

"INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY"

and encourages all Pima County residents to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people to gain greater recognition of their vital and lasting contributions to our cities and towns; our county; our state; and our nation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of October, 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors