

### Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

# MEMORANDUM

DATE:

September 6, 2024

TO:

FROM:

**REGARDING:** 

Adelita Grijalva, Chair and District Five Supervisor

Item for the September 17, 2024, Agenda Addendum:

#### Proclamation

Proclaiming Saturday, September 21, 2024, to be "Carolyn Campbell Appreciation Day." (District 5)

Thank you

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl received protection under the federal Endangered Species Act, spurring more than 40 conservation and neighborhood groups to form the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalition's primary goal was to bring sound science and planning into the equation as Pima County developed, adopted and began its implementation of the ground-breaking Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP); and

**WHEREAS**, Carolyn Campbell served as the Executive Director for the Coalition for 26 years, leading it to become one of the most successful advocacy organizations in the history of Pima County; and

**WHEREAS**, her exemplary work earned tremendous respect among not only the conservation community, but also the development community; and

**WHEREAS**, her service on the County's SDCP Steering Committee was integral to the successful outcome of the Committee's recommendations and the County's subsequent call for a bond election in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Carolyn and the Coalition participated in countless proposed land use projects and provided valuable recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding implementation of the SDCP's Conservation Land System, influencing the conservation of natural open space throughout Pima County; and

**WHEREAS**, she has been a tireless ambassador, sharing our community's experiences and lessons-learned in implementing the SDCP with others across the country, encouraging them to pursue similar endeavors that balance conservation and economic health; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition under Carolyn's leadership has worked successfully with Pima County and Pima County voters to fund the purchase and preservation of more than 200,000 acres to protect wildlife and open spaces and connect wildlife linkages; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the 2006 Regional Transportation Plan Committee, Carolyn successfully advocated for the inclusion of funding in the Plan for wildlife linkage projects, and actively participated in the planning and implementation of the highly successful wildlife bridge and underpass for Oracle Highway, completed in 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, September 21, 2024, to be:

"CAROLYN CAMPBELL APPRECIATION DAY"

# PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of September, 2024.

The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair Pima County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:
Melissa Manriquez, Clerk Pima County Board of Supervisors