

Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 10, 2023

**TO:** Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5 Supervisor

**REGARDING:** Item for the March 7, 2023 agenda



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Please add the following to the March 7, 2023 agenda:

**Proclamation**

Proclaiming March 18, 2023, to be "Public Defense Day." (District 5)

Thank you

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## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 1963, nearly 60 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, held that the Sixth Amendment right to appointed counsel applies to the states through the 14th Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to this ruling, those facing criminal charges with the possibility of imprisonment must be appointed an attorney if they cannot afford one; and

**WHEREAS**, our legal system is based on the principles of equity, fairness, due process of the law, equal protection under the law, innocence until proven guilty, and, since this landmark ruling, a person's right to have an attorney defend them in criminal prosecutions, even if they are unable to afford one; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County Public Defense Services attorneys, paralegals, legal secretaries, clerks, investigators and social workers continue to work tirelessly to provide essential constitutionally guaranteed legal services to those who otherwise would not have them; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Defense Services, in representing its clients, upholds the rights set forth in the U.S. Constitution of every accused person to have a fair trial or obtain a just result from the legal process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, March 18, 2023, to be:

### **“PUBLIC DEFENSE DAY”**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7th day of March 2023.

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The Honorable Adelita Grijalva, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors