


MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 2, 2024

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita Grijalva, Chair and District Five Supervisor 

REGARDING: Item for the October 15, 2024, Regular Agenda

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Proclamation

Declaring October 30, 2024, to be “Dr. George F. Garcia Day.” (District 5)

Thank you

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. George F. Garcia, born to immigrant parents in Laredo, Texas, became recognized in Tucson and nationally for his eminent work as an educator and educational administrator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garcia worked his way through college, earning a bachelor's degree at Northwest Missouri State, a master's degree from the University of Iowa and a doctorate from Drake University, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garcia distinguished himself as superintendent of Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) from 1991 to 2000, and

WHEREAS, as TUSD superintendent, Dr. Garcia excelled in enhancing student achievement, creating the 4th R. (Readiness for Work) program and advocating for diversity and bilingual education, and

WHEREAS, While at TUSD, Dr. Garcia was honored in 1993 as one of North America's Best Administrators by *Executive Educator* magazine, and

WHEREAS, the Arizona School Administrators Association recognized Dr. Garcia as Arizona Superintendent of the Year in 1998, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Garcia and his wife, Mary, former superintendent of the Sunnyside School District, returned to their home in sunny Tucson for their retirement, and

WHEREAS, the Educational Enrichment Foundation is honoring Dr. Garcia on October 30 with the Ray Davies Lifetime Humanitarian Achievement Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Wednesday, October 30, 2024, to be:

“DR. GEORGE F. GARCIA DAY”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October 2024.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors