

MEMORANDUM

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Date: August 24, 2023

Re: Addendum Item for 9/5/23 Meeting

From: Rex Scott
District 1 Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Please place the following item on the addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting September 5, 2023.

Proclamation for Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in Pima County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Congress of the United States of America signed the Constitution on September 17, 1787, and submitted it to the states for ratification, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 2004 designated September 17 as U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day to recognize the signing of the Constitution and to celebrate all those who have become U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire was the ninth state to ratify the Constitution of the United States of America on June 21, 1788, making the Constitution the supreme law of the land; and Virginia was the 10th of 14 states to ratify the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution, known to all of us as the Bill of Rights, on December 15, 1791, thereby meeting the new Constitution's requirement that any changes be ratified by three-quarters of states, and that by adding the Bill of Rights to the Constitution, it ensured that our nation's founding document specifically protected the rights and liberties of all the people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution was last amended on May 7, 1992, demonstrating that throughout its 236 years of existence that it is a living document, subject to change as deemed necessary by the will of the majority of the states in our federal republic; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution is the bedrock of American freedom, justice and liberty and is the oldest national constitution in the world; and

WHEREAS, John Jay, the first chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, stated, "Every member of the State ought diligently to read and to study the constitution of this country and teach the rising generations to be free. By knowing their rights, they will sooner perceive when they are violated, and be the better prepared to defend and assert them;" and

WHEREAS, all citizens and noncitizens of the United States should strive to not only read the Constitution but understand how its articles and amendments oversee and affect the governance of our nation; and

WHEREAS, all of Arizona's schoolchildren should learn and celebrate the laws, liberties and freedoms of our great country and also learn about how the Constitution's changes over time have ensured that all people, regardless of condition or circumstance, are entitled to the equal protection of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Sunday, September 17, 2023, to be:

"CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY IN PIMA COUNTY"

and urges all Pima County residents to learn more about the Constitution, which was created to make our nation stronger, set standards for justice, keep the peace at home, provide for our common defense, promote our general welfare and make sure the blessings of liberty continue for ourselves and our descendants.

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