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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2015
TO: Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board
FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor *Keith Brigode, Clerk*
REGARDING: Item for the October 20, 2015 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the October 20, 2015 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Designating the second Monday of each October to be "Indigenous People's Day" in Pima County.
 (District 5)

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 lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Pima County encompasses the homelands and villages of many Indigenous peoples of this region, who were instrumental in the development of today's Pima County; and

WHEREAS, Pima County recognizes the human progress resulting in today's society owes much to Indigenous people's knowledge, technology, agriculture, science, philosophy, arts, and deep spiritual and cultural contributions; and

WHEREAS, Pima County strives to close the equity gap between Indigenous people and others in our society by promoting policies and practices that reflect the experience of Indigenous peoples, that provide them with greater opportunities to thrive, and that honor the nation's Indigenous roots, history and contributions; and

WHEREAS, the idea of an Indigenous People's Day first was 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the second Monday of each October, 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 10th day of November 2015.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors