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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2018

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, Chairman, District Five Supervisor 

REGARDING: Item for the April 17, 2018 agenda

Please add the following to the April 17, 2018 agenda:

Proclamation

Declaring April 2018 to be "Sikh Celebration of Vaisakhi Month." (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sikhi is a religion founded in the Punjab region of South Asia more than five centuries ago that was introduced in the United States in the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, Sikhi is the fifth-largest world religion with approximately 25 million adherents of diverse backgrounds throughout the world, including 500,000 adherents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs in the United States pursue diverse professions and walks of life, making rich contributions to the economic and cultural vibrancy of the country – as farmers, engineers, doctors, scientists, teachers, business and non-profit enterprise operators, musicians, artists and more; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh religion is based on a belief in one God and the equality of all human beings; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans support human rights for all, including the freedom to worship and maintain personal religious symbols in all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Vaisakhi is one of the most religiously significant days in Sikh history as it commemorates the creation of the Khalsa, a fellowship of devout Sikhs, by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Vaisakhi includes performing Seva (selfless service), such as providing free meals to all visitors to Sikh gurdwaras (places of worship).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April 2018 to be:

“SIKH CELEBRATION OF VAISAKHI MONTH”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April 2018.

The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors