

Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 17, 2024

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

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



**REGARDING:** Item for the January 23, 2024 Addendum Agenda

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Please add the following to the January 23, 2024 addendum agenda:

**Proclamation**

Proclaiming the month of February 2024 to be "Black History Month in Pima County." (District 5)

Thank you

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard scholar, established the observance and celebration of African American history, and since 1976, Black History Month has been recognized nationally in February; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month celebrates the many vital achievements and contributions of African Americans in shaping our country, our society, and our culture; the national theme for 2024 is “African Americans and the Arts;” and

**WHEREAS**, the observation of Black History Month provides us an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of African American history and its role in creating modern American democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, we must acknowledge and pay tribute to the generations of individuals who struggled with great adversity, risked their lives for justice, fought a fight that at times seemed impossible to win, and continue to strive for equity and the American dream; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans are engaged throughout our society as our friends and neighbors, scholars, teachers, business operators, community leaders, and contributors to the quality of our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans to our community and throughout our state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of February 2024 to be:

## **“BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN PIMA COUNTY”**

and encourages all Pima County residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and to continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 23rd day of January 2024.

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

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors