

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2025
TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
FROM: Adelita S Grijalva, Vice Chair and District Five Supervisor
REGARDING: Item for the February 18, 2025, Regular Agenda



Item for the February 18 Regular Agenda:

Proclamation

Proclaiming February 18, 2025, to be "Craig Ivanyi Day." (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Craig Ivanyi began his career as an ecologist and evolutionary biologist working his way from volunteer to Executive Director through an impressive 40-year tenure at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, when Craig became Executive Director of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, continuing the museum's mission to instill a love of nature and a sense of responsibility toward environmental stewardship, and where he became an expert in his field, authoring several books, and publishing research emphasizing the importance of conservation and adaptation to climate change; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, new exhibits such as the aquarium, Stingray Touch Experience, and the Packrat Playhouse opened, and many of the animal enclosures and garden areas were renovated and upgraded; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum has forged new partnerships and created numerous community outreach initiatives that emphasize the importance of conservation and the need to adapt to the changing climate; and

WHEREAS, with his guidance, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum has remained one of the top tourism attractions in Southern Arizona, engaging residents and visitors, and the museum is consistently ranked on TripAdvisor as one of the Top 10 museums in the country and the number one attraction in Pima County; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Craig leaves an indelible mark on the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and a legacy of service, helping to educate the public about the beauty of the region and working to conserve that beauty for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims, Tuesday, February 18, 2025, to be:

“CRAIG IVANYI DAY”

as we recognize and celebrate his career and success in promoting and highlighting the Sonoran Desert and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of February 2025.

The Honorable Rex Scott, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors