

Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 15, 2022

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita Grijalva, District Five Supervisor *K. Bagwell, for*

REGARDING: Item for the September 20, 2022 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the September 20, 2022 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Proclaiming Tuesday, September 20, 2022, to be "Bear Down, Arizona, Day" in honor of the 70th anniversary of the University of Arizona fight song. (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first public performance of the University of Arizona's fight song, "Bear Down, Arizona," took place 70 years ago today, on September 20, 1952, at a downtown Tucson pep rally and has become one of the university's best-known and best-loved traditions; and

WHEREAS, longtime university band director Jack K. Lee wrote the song after hearing the story of student body president and quarterback John "Button" Salmon's deathbed message – "Tell them ... tell the team to Bear Down" – which inspired the football team to victory in 1926 and became the battle cry for all Wildcat sports teams, the entire student body and fans across Southern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, in the 70 years since its introduction, "Bear Down, Arizona" has become one of the great college fight songs, inspiring Wildcats worldwide to give their best effort, to show determination in the face of difficulty and to always remember they are part of a wider and deeper tradition; and

WHEREAS, the University of Arizona marching band – The Pride of Arizona – has entertained, engaged and elevated audiences across Southern Arizona for more than a century, performing at community events, celebrations and commemorations, and building a reputation on the concept of PRIDE: Performance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Pride of Arizona has displayed those same characteristics when it has represented the university and the entire community statewide and on national and international stages, delivering high-quality entertainment to audiences far and wide, including at the first Super Bowl and President Jimmy Carter's inaugural parade; and

WHEREAS, the university and Pima County are longtime partners who have embraced the "Bear Down" spirit together to meet many diverse challenges, from the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change to regional economic development and natural resource management, and whose fortunes and futures are inextricably linked.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Tuesday, September 20, 2022, to be:

"BEAR DOWN, ARIZONA, DAY"

in this community and encourages all residents to embrace the "Bear Down" spirit of resilience, tenacity and courage in the face of opposition.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of September 2022.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors