

Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 24, 2023
TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
FROM: Adelita Grijalva, Chair and District Five Supervisor
REGARDING: Item for the May 2, 2023 agenda addendum



Please add the following to the May 2, 2023 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Proclaiming May 5, 2023, to be “A Day of Awareness of the Epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.”

Thank you

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, across Indian Country and in Alaska, there is a crisis of missing and murdered indigenous people; the U.S. Department of Justice reports that in some tribal communities the murder rate for indigenous women is 10 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention find that homicide is the third leading cause of death for indigenous women between the ages of 10 and 24 and the fifth leading cause of death for indigenous women ages 25 to 34; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Justice reports that more than four in five indigenous women — 1.5 million women nationally — have experienced violence in their lifetimes and more than 56% have been sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is home to 22 sovereign Native American tribes whose jurisdictions cover 27% of the state's land, and most of them were established before Arizona attained statehood in 1912; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Urban Indian Health Institute, a tribal epidemiology center, began assessing the number and dynamics of cases of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls and the City of Tucson ranks No. 4 in these cases among United States cities; and

WHEREAS, Pima County joins with the federal government, the State of Arizona and other jurisdictions striving to spur awareness of missing and murdered indigenous persons and has determined that an immediate and coordinated response to address this crisis is required; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate declared May 5 to be the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in honor of Hannah Harris, a Northern Cheyenne Tribe member in Montana who disappeared July 13, 2013, and whose sexually assaulted body was found five days later.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Friday, May 5, 2023, to be:

**“A DAY OF AWARENESS OF THE EPIDEMIC
OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE”**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May, 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors