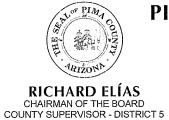
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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

June 12, 2019

TO:

FROM:

Richard Elías, Chairman and District Five Supervisor

REGARDING: Item for the June 18, 2019 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the June 18, 2019 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Proclaiming June 19, 2019, to be "Juneteenth Celebration Day." (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a United States holiday that commemorates the announcement in Texas on June 19, 1865, of the national abolition of slavery; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved people in 1862, but the Civil War continued and Texas was far beyond the significant battlegrounds; and

WHEREAS, many slaveholders fled from war-torn areas to Texas during the Civil War, taking enslaved people with them; and

WHEREAS, there were thousands of enslaved people in Texas by the time Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered in early April 1865 and more than two months later, on June 19th, they were informed of their freedom; and

WHEREAS, the following year, in 1866, formerly enslaved people in Texas began celebrating Juneteenth as a holiday; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrations spread around the nation and this is the 49th year they have taken place in Tucson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Wednesday, June 19, 2019, to be:

"JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION DAY"

and encourages all Pima County residents to recognize the importance of this day and to join celebrations of it in 2019 and beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of June 2019.

	e Richard Elías, Chairmar Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:	
Julie Castañe	da, Clerk Board of Supervisors