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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 12, 2019

**TO:** Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Richard Elías, Chairman and District Five Supervisor *K. Baguella, for*

**REGARDING:** Item for the June 18, 2019 agenda addendum

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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.

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The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors