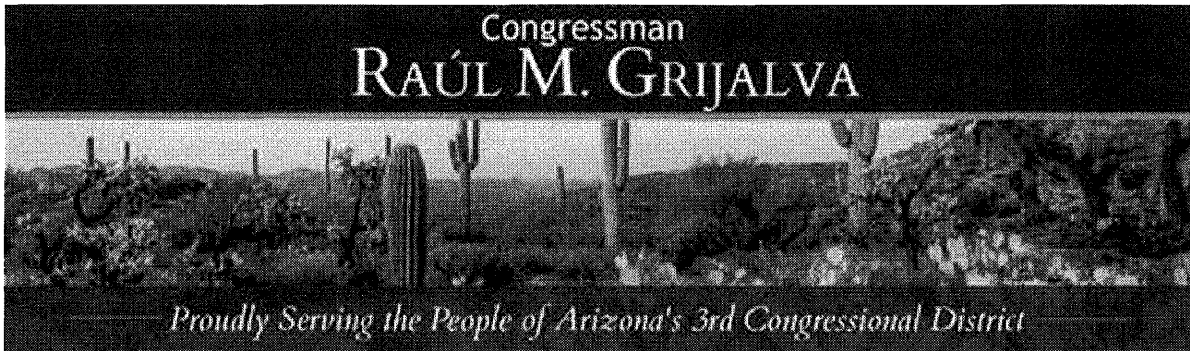


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Rep. Grijalva Applauds Pima County Resolution Declaring Racial and Ethnic Health Inequities and Income Inequality a Public Health Crisis

TUCSON— Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva issued the following statement applauding the Pima County Board of Supervisors resolution declaring racial and ethnic health inequities and income inequality a public health crisis:

“The COVID-19 pandemic has shined a spotlight on the entrenched, systemic health inequities faced by communities of color here in Pima County. Hispanics and Native Americans of lower incomes are disproportionately more likely to contract the virus and die from it, and are more likely to have experienced economic hardship due to the ensuing business closures. The resolution is a positive first step toward acknowledging systemic racism and how it impacts access to quality healthcare, education, affordable housing, and good-paying jobs. I applaud the Board of Supervisors for this action that will put equity at the heart of future policy conversations. I hope it facilitates a discussion toward dismantling institutional racism and crafting policies that will expand opportunities for communities of color here in Pima County.”