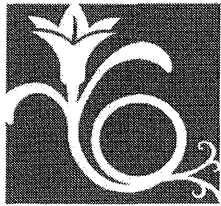


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November 30, 2020

Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress Street
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RE: "Resolution Declaring Racial and Ethnic Health Inequities and Income Inequality a Public Health Crisis"

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

As a strong community partner of Pima County, the Primavera Foundation supports and asks that you vote in favor of the "Resolution Declaring Racial and Ethnic Health Inequities and Income inequality a Public Health Crisis," a resolution on the Pima County Board of Supervisors agenda for December 1, 2020.

Since the outbreak of the coronavirus, Primavera has ramped up our continuum of comprehensive community development programs providing pathways out of poverty through safe, affordable housing, workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization. While we have witnessed the tremendous racial and economic disparities experienced by members of our community over our 37+ year history, these disparities have grown exponentially over the past eight months as individuals and families struggle to survive and become more stable in the midst of the pandemic. We know that COVID 19 did not cause these inequities. Nevertheless, they have brought to the attention of the greater public the disparities that have long been present in our community and across the nation.

This resolution is one start at acknowledging the role of race in our society, an essential step in improving health outcomes and providing equity of opportunity that will result in bringing more community members out of poverty.

Income inequality impacts everyone, but racial and ethnic minorities make up a disproportionate number of those living in poverty within Pima County. The poverty rates in Pima County for 2018 were 38.5 percent for Native Americans, 28.1 percent for African Americans,

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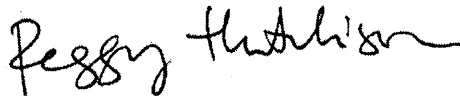
23.6 percent for Latinx, and 15.1 percent for Whites. Data also shows that in Pima County, African Americans and Native Americans have elevated rates of premature death and higher child and infant mortality rates than Latinx, Asian Americans, and Whites.

It is a known fact that systemic racism and poverty negatively impact the social factors that determine a person's health. These factors also affect access to safe, affordable housing, living wage jobs, quality education, environmental justice, and access to quality healthcare.

We are extremely grateful to you for taking this step at such an important time, enabling us to look at the institutions and structures that govern the daily lives of our community residents so that we might eliminate structural racism in our policies and practices.

We ask you to take this critical step in ensuring Pima County works for everyone and that equity is at the center of everything we do. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Hutchison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peggy Hutchison
Chief Executive Officer