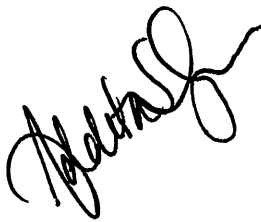


Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 29, 2021  
**TO:** Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board  
**FROM:** Adelita Grijalva, District Five Supervisor  
**REGARDING:** Item for the May 4, 2021 agenda addendum



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Please add the following to the May 4, 2021 agenda addendum:

### Resolution

Acknowledging the need for broadband high-speed internet access for all Pima County residents. (District 5)

Thank you

APR 29 2021 10:00 AM POC/KC/H



**RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - \_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED FOR BROADBAND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET  
ACCESS FOR ALL PIMA COUNTY RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic which hit the United States in early 2020, highlighted those in Pima County who did not have reliable access to stable and affordable high-speed internet service, and

WHEREAS, individuals without such internet service could not attend classes or work remotely, make on-line purchases, access telehealth services, conduct job searches, or obtain government or social services, and

WHEREAS, many households in Pima County rarely or never had internet service available to them in their homes, and

WHEREAS, school districts often had to provide internet access service to such households, but only on a temporary basis and at a cost to the school districts, and

WHEREAS, statewide 15.6 percent of the population has no internet service and another 10.5 percent can access the internet only through cell phones, and

WHEREAS, the lack of infrastructure and the low incomes in rural communities and urban areas of poverty keep them from reliable access to internet services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the importance of digital equity and inclusion and that it has the credibility, influence and leadership to impact efforts to provide reliable high-speed internet service to underserved areas of the county,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors will participate in and help implement policies that address: affordable internet connections and devices; providing sufficient bandwidth for activities such as remote learning and telehealth services; evaluating initiatives aimed at filling internet service gaps.


Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Sharon Bronson, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

  
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Lesley Lukach, Deputy County Attorney