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## Pima County Board of Supervisors

To: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board From: Dr. Matt Heinz, Supervisor, District 2 Date: Wednesday June 9, 2021 RE: Item for the June 22, 2021 Agenda

Please add the following to the Pima County Board of Supervisors agenda for Tuesday June 22, 2021:

## **Board of Supervisors**

Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors calling on federal legislators to support and vote in favor of H.R 1/S. 1, the "For the People Act," and encouraging other communities and jurisdictions to adopt similar Resolutions.

Thank you.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2021 -

## **RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF H.R. 1/S.1, THE "FOR THE PEOPLE ACT"**

WHEREAS, government of, by, and for the people is the foundation of the American democratic system, and the US Constitution and the Declaration of Independence guarantee every citizen of this country the inalienable rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness, and;

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are essential to the functioning of our democracy and effective self-governance, and;

WHEREAS, the lie of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election motivated a violent insurrection at the Capitol on January 6, 2021 and has sparked an unprecedented wave of voter suppression laws in many states, including Arizona, and;

WHEREAS, voter suppression is rooted in racist and white nationalist ideology, and;

WHEREAS, this is a watershed moment in American history when federal action is required to ensure free and fair elections in which all eligible citizens can participate, and;

WHEREAS, the following provisions in H.R. 1/S. 1 are essential to the protection and security of our constitutional right to participate in fair elections and democracy: Expansion and protection of voter registration; Secure and guaranteed early voting and absentee voting; Protection and expansion of voting accessibility; Restoration of civil rights to people with felony convictions; Ending of partisan gerrymandering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby calls on our federal legislators to join the citizens, grassroots organizations, and local governments to support and vote in favor of H.R 1/S. 1, the "For the People Act," as a step toward a more perfect union in which each citizen is afforded the unabridged right to participate in our democracy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors calls on other communities and jurisdictions to join with us in this action by passing similar Resolutions to encourage our representatives to support free and fair access to elections and representation by urging passage of H.R.1/S.1

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_\_, day of June 2021.

Sharon Bronson, Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lesley Lukach, Deputy County Attorney

Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board