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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18, 2026

TO: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

FROM: Steve Christy 
District 4 Supervisor

SUBJECT: Agenda Item

Please place the following item on the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting of March 3, 2026:

PROCLAMATION

Presentation of a proclamation to Larry Fisher, et al, of the Empire Ranch Foundation celebrating the 150th anniversary of the "HISTORIC EMPIRE RANCH" throughout 2026. (District 4)

Thank you.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Empire Ranch, established in 1876 in the high grasslands of Southeastern Arizona, stands as one of the most enduring symbols of Arizona's ranching heritage and the American West; and

WHEREAS, for 150 years, Empire Ranch has played a vital role in the agricultural, economic, and cultural development of the region, contributing to the rich history of cattle ranching and land stewardship in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties; and

WHEREAS, Empire Ranch, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and situated on the Bureau of Land Management's Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, preserves the stories of families, ranchers, cowboys, and diverse communities whose labor and dedication shaped the legacy of this remarkable landscape; and

WHEREAS, the rolling grasslands, historic buildings, and working rangelands of the Empire Ranch represent a living testament to resilience, innovation, and responsible stewardship of Arizona's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, through ongoing preservation, education, and community engagement, the Empire Ranch Foundation, working with the Bureau of Land Management and other local organizations, continues to inspire present and future generations to appreciate the heritage, culture, and enduring spirit of the American Southwest; and

WHEREAS, as we commemorate this 150th anniversary, we honor not only the Ranch's distinguished past but also the Empire Ranch Foundation's mission to preserve its historic structures, protect its working landscape, and promote understanding of ranching traditions and western history for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby celebrates the first 150 years of:

"THE HISTORIC EMPIRE RANCH"

and calls upon all residents and visitors to join in celebrating its historic and cultural significance during events at the ranch throughout 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March 2026.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors