



MEMORANDUM

January 9, 2026

To: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

From: Andrés Cano *AC*
District 5 Supervisor

RE: Item for the February 3rd Agenda

Please add the following to the February 3rd agenda:

Proclamation:

Mexican American Heritage Day. (District 5)

Thank you.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 2, 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, marking a pivotal moment in the history of the United States and Mexico, reshaping the cultural and geographical landscapes of North America; and

WHEREAS, while the Treaty ceded lands that make up most of today's U.S. Southwest, it also granted U.S. citizenship to the Mexican citizens living in that territory, creating a new ethnic identity, Mexican American; and

WHEREAS, Mexican Americans comprise the largest indigenous ethnic group in the United States, representing nearly 40 million people; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the historical roots with the people of Mexico and that we are only separated by a border; and

WHEREAS, February 2, 1848, symbolizes the birth of a new identity for Mexican Americans, and our legacy lies in our determination to preserve culture, language, traditional values and honor as a people who have survived and thrived in the face of marginalization and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, this day honors the vital role Mexican Americans have played in building and strengthening the fabric of this nation, reshaping the U.S. economy and society, creating art, serving in times of war, and advocating for civil rights and labor reforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Monday, February 2nd, 2026, to be:

“MEXICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY IN PIMA COUNTY”

to continue fostering greater understanding and unity in a diverse America and thereby enhance recognition of the history and cultures that the American people hold in common.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of February 2026.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors