



## INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY PHX FEST RETURNS TO "INDIGENIZE THE VALLEY" WITH A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF ART, MUSIC, FILM & FOOD

— The celebration is free, family-friendly, and open to the public —

Submission by Cahokia PHX

(PHOENIX, ARIZ. SEPTEMBER 5, 2023) - Cahokia PHX announced its second annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Phx Fest to take place on Monday, October 9, 2023 at the Margaret T. Hance Park located at 67 W Culver Street. The Indigenous-led, Indigenous-owned art and entrepreneur space will expand festival activities to include an official Launch Party on Wednesday, October 4, at the Phoenix Art Museum and other signature events with valley partners the Heard Museum, and the Burton Barr Central Library. The Gila River Indian Community and Becker Boards join as title sponsors for this year's celebration.

In April of this year, Mayor Kate Gallego and the Phoenix City Council voted to designate the second Monday of October each year as a city holiday in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Organizers hope this year's festival theme "Indigenize the Valley" will catch on to other metropolitan areas and increase the awareness of Indigenous contributions and ingenuity prior to Arizona's statehood, since time immemorial.

Festival go-ers will be treated to Indigenous film screenings presented by Cahokia Phx and Indie Film Fest on Saturday, October 7, with the award-winning documentary "Imagining the Indian: The Fight Against Native American Mascoting" selected as the feature film among other shorts and documentaries. This year's cele-

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## District 7 Welcomes Community Back for 158th Annual Mustering In Day Celebration

Kyle Knox  
Gila River Indian News

The 158th Annual Mustering In Day Celebration returned to District 7 on Saturday, Sept. 9, gathering residents from across GRIC and the state to honor and celebrate the voluntary mustering of O'otham and Pee Posh men in 1865. The event also paid tribute to active military service and veterans for keeping the tradition of military service alive.

Despite heat advisories, dozens of cars lined 87th Avenue along the District 7 Multi-purpose building for the parade, which saw 14 entries representing various tribal programs, departments, enterprises, color guards, O'otham and Pee Posh traditional dance groups, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

But even before the parade, 70 participants arrived to take part in the one-mile, two-mile, and three-mile fun run/walk.

District 7 members Jennifer Perchero and her son Waylon Pahona returned this year to recount the event's history. Pahona shared how the "mustering in" of 94 Pee



The Pee Posh Veteran's Association and American Legion Quechan Post 802 lead the Mustering In Day parade on Sept. 9 in District 7. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Posh and 88 O'otham men in 1865 formed the nation's "first national guard," and is why everyone gathered on this day.

"The mustering in of those volunteers on Sept. 2, 1865 estab-

lished the first Arizona national guard...we are the first protectors, let that sink in, we are the first protectors of the land, region, we protected our people and others. We were the first national guard, we

are warriors. 158 years later, we are still here, strong, resilient and thriving together as a Community and we will continue this tra-

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## Mud Dash challenges all for a messy good time

Velia Moncada  
Gila River Indian News

As the sun set on the horizon of the Gila River Indian Community,

the Sacaton fairgrounds accommodated the Sept. 7 Mud Dash event, where 147 Community members and tribal members gathered for a

muddy obstacle course fit for a refreshing evening to cool off active Community youth and adults. The Gila River Tribal Recreation and

Wellness Center (TRW) department and its grounds crew hosted the 2023 Mud Dash event with assistance from the Gila River Fire Department.

The Mud Dash began at 5:30 p.m., allowing families of all ages to prepare for the 16 obstacles they would have to jump, climb, and crawl under while enduring or avoiding the muddy water pits. Adult Community members were seen competing with their friends and loved ones, recreating their memories from their youth in the mud. Meanwhile, children enjoyed the setting by splashing around and taking advantage of the opportunity to get as muddy and messy as they wanted to be.

"I wanted to play in the mud and have fun," said 9-year-old Kaydence Conde, District 2, as she tagged along with her family to the event. She said that the fun part of the Mud Dash was when she climbed through a tunnel and climbed up the hill to a slide where



Community members swing across monkey bars avoiding the mud pit below them. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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**Indigenous People's Day from the front Page**

bration also includes an inaugural bike ride, musical performances on the RezFest stage and unique arts, crafts, and experiences from Indigenous creatives. The Downtown Showdown Skateboard competition returns along with the 4th Annual RISE Art Installation featuring the Uncontained Mural and PVC geodesic dome.

Organizers anticipate around 5,000 people in attendance and encourage use of light rail, carpooling, or ride-sharing to enjoy the festival events happening both at Margaret T. Hance Park and the Heard Museum on Monday, October 9.

We are pleased to present the 2023 Indigenous Peoples Day Phx Fest Official Schedule of Events.

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**  
• **Launch Party and Gallery Event** with Local Matriarch and the Phoenix Art Museum from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Art Museum located at 1625 N. Central Avenue.



**Saturday, October 7, 2023**  
• **Indigenous Film Screenings** presented by Cahokia PHX and Indie Film Fest from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Burton Barr Central Library located at 1221 N. Central Avenue.

**Monday, October 9, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at Margaret T. Hance Park**

• **\*\*Inaugural Sacred Cycle of Life Bike Tour** hosted by RVSO + Heavy Pedal Phoenix from 8:00 a.m. to NOON, pre-registration required.

• **Downtown Showdown Skateboard Competition** hosted by Seven Layer Army Skateboards.

• **Indigenous Pop-up Market** featuring over 120 Indigenous Artisans and Food vendors.

• **Rez Fest** includes two curated stages with local bands, musicians, and cultural performances.

• **Community Zone** featuring valley partners the Phoenix SUNS and more.

• **RISE Art Installation**, Un-contained mural and PVC geode-



sic dome installation with Indige Design Collab.

**Concurrently, on Monday, October 9, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

• **Growing for the Future** (Plants, Indigenous Foods) and musical guests presented by the Heard Museum located at 2301 N. Central Avenue.

The festival prides itself on building community and amplifying the collaborative efforts of

nearly 100 individuals representing Indigenous-owned businesses, organizations, and non-Indigenous valley partners and supporters helping to plan the multi-day celebrations. Let's come together to celebrate, to learn, and to create an environment where the richness of Indigenous culture can truly shine. Join us as we "Indigenize the Valley" and celebrate the collective spirit of Indigenous Peoples' Day!

Tickets are free but we encourage you to RSVP with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/686680388527?aff=oddtcreator>.

For more information please visit the event website at [www.ipdphx.com](http://www.ipdphx.com).

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# FITNESS & WELLNESS



Community members crawl onto their bellies to cross under a wired fence while cheering each other on. Velia Moncada/GRIN



Participants scale a massive tube obstacle as they progress across the Mud Dash course. Velia Moncada/GRIN

## Mud Dash from the front Page

firefighters were hosing the slide with water as she slid into the mud pit below.

“My brother, my sister, and the kids wanted to do this event,” said Emily Miguel Rhodes, District 3. She said the most challenging part was the walls she had to climb over. Otherwise, her favorite part of the course

was just being in the mud. TRW’s Multimedia Specialist and head coordinator of the Mud Dash event, Tiffany Enos, District 4, explained that the Mud Dash was the first of its kind, post-pandemic, for families and friends to gather around to reconnect socially and be physically active. “I like to see the Community come out and just have fun in the mud, and just be rez kids playing

in the pits,” said Enos. “For me, just getting the Community active again especially being in COVID times for so long, it’s nice to see the kids out here smiling again.”

TRW wrapped up the event as the sun cleared the sky for the night at 7:30 p.m. Community members were given light snacks and a commemorative 2023 Mud Dash t-shirt and sticker for their participation.



Pool of mud awaits a mud dash finisher. Velia Moncada/GRIN



A youth crawls her way through a muddy pool. Velia Moncada/GRIN



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Headache	Sometimes	
Nose	Stuffy/Runny	
Sneezing	Very Common	
Cough	Mild/Hacking	
Aches/Pains	Slight	
Fatigue	Mild	
Throat	Sore	
Energy	Normal/May be sluggish	
Duration	Can last 7-10 days	

## What is the Flu?

Symptoms	Signs	Prevention:
Fever	101° or higher (seek medical attention)	• Wash your hands often • Keep hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth • Be sure to get your annual flu vaccination
Headache	Very Common	
Nose	Stuffy/Runny	
Sneezing	Sometimes	
Cough	Severe	
Aches/Pains	Severe	
Fatigue	Can last for several weeks	
Throat	Sometimes Sore	
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# Veterans Corner - POW MIA Recognition Day 2023



**Submission by**  
GRIC Veteran and Family  
Service Office

September 15, 2023 is a day in which we remember and honor our Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) as recognized annually on the third Friday in September. The flag of the National League of Families designating POW MIA was adopted in January 1972. It was originally a tribute for more than 2,500 service members of the Vietnam War that were POW and MIA.

Currently, there are still over 81,000 Americans missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars and other conflicts. This flag now stands as a symbol for all the POW MIAs since WWII who have not come home.

Today, we remember, acknowledge and commem-

orate the courage and sacrifices that have been made by members of our armed forces that remain missing, unaccounted for or are being held as Prisoners of War.

Military Veterans service organizations like the American Legion and VFW have a designated remembrance table as a reminder to the POW and MIA that "You Are Not Forgotten."

Gila River has had one known POW, Arthur F. Thomas (WWII) from District 1. If you have documentation that supports other GRIC Members being POW or MIA, please let us know.

The Veteran and Family Services Office is located at 264 S. Bluebird Rd, Sacaton. Our office can be reached at 520-562-9704.

**POW/MIA Table Explained:**

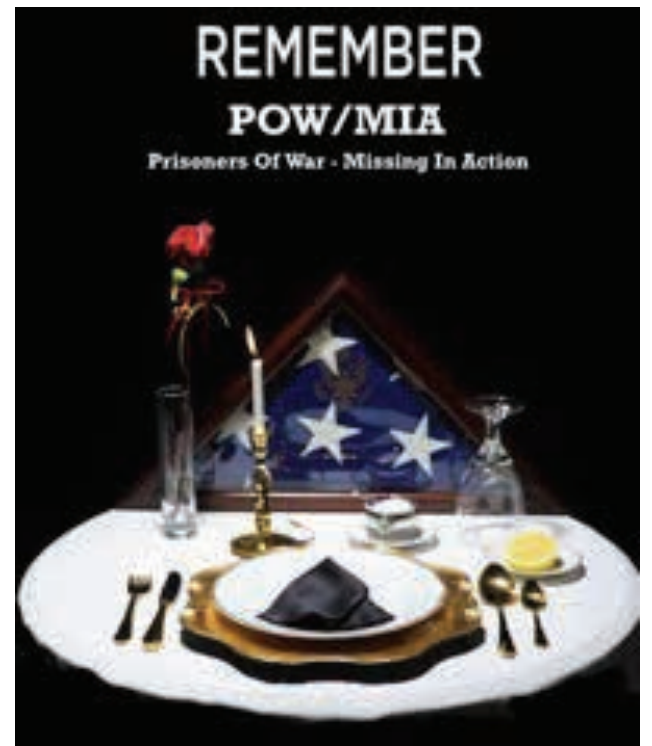
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING

TERNESS OF PERSONAL SACRIFICE. WE ARE COMPELLED TO NEVER FORGET THAT WHILE WE ENJOY OUR DAILY PLEASURES, THERE ARE OTHERS WHO HAVE ENDURED AND MAY STILL BE ENDURING AGONIES OF PAIN, DEPRIVATION AND INTERNMENT. THIS EVENING, WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS SMALL TABLE, WHICH OCCUPIES A PLACE OF DIGNITY AND HONOR NEAR THE HEAD TABLE. IT IS SET FOR ONE, SYMBOLIZING THE FACT THAT MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES ARE MISSING FROM OUR RANKS. THEY ARE REFERRED TO AS PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION. WE CALL THEM COMRADES. THEY ARE UNABLE TO BE WITH THEIR

LOVED ONES AND FAMILIES TONIGHT, SO I ASK - THAT WE JOIN TOGETHER - TO PAY OUR HUMBLE TRIBUTE TO THEM, AND BEAR WITNESS TO THEIR CONTINUED ABSENCE. THIS TABLE, SET FOR ONE, IS SMALL, SYMBOLIZING THE FRAILTY OF ONE PRISONER, ALONE AGAINST HIS OR HER SUPPRESSORS. THE TABLECLOTH IS WHITE, SYMBOLIC OF THE PURITY OF THEIR INTENTIONS TO RESPOND TO THEIR NATIONS CALL TO BEAR ARMS. THE SINGLE ROSE IN THE VASE, SIGNIFIES THE BLOOD THAT MANY HAVE SHED IN SACRIFICE TO ENSURE THE FREEDOM OF OUR BELOVED UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE ROSE ALSO REMINDS US OF THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR MISSING COMRADES WHO KEEP THE FAITH, WHILE AWAITING THEIR RETURN. THE YELLOW RIBBON ON THE VASE REPRESENTS THE YELLOW RIBBONS WORN ON THE LAPELS OF THE THOUSANDS WHO DEMAND WITH UNYIELDING DETERMINATION, A PROPER ACCOUNTING OF OUR COMRADES WHO ARE NOT AMONG

US TONIGHT. A SLICE OF LEMON ON THE PLATE REMINDS US OF THEIR BITTER FATE. THE SALT SPRINKLED ON THE PLATE REMINDS US OF THE COUNTLESS FALLEN TEARS OF FAMILIES AS THEY WAIT. THE GLASS INVERTED - THEY CANNOT TOAST WITH US THIS NIGHT. THE CHAIR IS EMPTY - THEY ARE NOT HERE. THE CANDLE IS REMINISCENT OF THE LIGHT OF HOPE WHICH TO ILLUMINATE THEIR WAY HOME, AWAY FROM THEIR CAPTORS,

TO THE OPEN ARMS OF A GRATEFUL NATION. LET US PRAY TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER THAT ALL OF OUR COMRADES WILL SOON BE BACK WITHIN OUR RANKS. LET US REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICES. MAY GOD FOREVER WATCH OVER THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE RISE AS TAPS IS PLAYED IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION.



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Little Miss Hualapai First Attendant 2023 Malina Skye Hill and Little Miss Hualapai 2023 Malaya Feather Hernandez marching in the parade. Kyle Knox/GRIN



The A'chem Traditional Dance Group perform during the Mustering In Day Celebration parade. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Veterans from across the region stand as they are recognized and presented with honorary dog tags for their service. Kyle Knox/GRIN



Singers and dancers perform numerous songs during the Bird Dance Social at the 158th Annual Mustering In Day Celebration in District 7. Kyle Knox/GRIN

**Mustering In Day from the front page**

dition, just as our relatives did," said Pahona.

"It's 2023, we just came out of COVID so it's a blessing to be here with you all today again. Thank you all for being here today and

honoring the Mustering In Day history, this includes all of our veterans here today, thank you for your service and for keeping that tradition alive," said Lt. Gov. Monica Antone during her welcoming remarks.

Also, during the morning, all veterans in atten-

dance were asked to be recognized by the planning team. Nine veterans were honored with a commemorative set of military dog tags presented as a token of appreciation.

Attendees found relief from the heat when the customary Bird Dance Social

took place in the District 7 gymnasium as the temperatures rose in the afternoon.

Like the annual Mul-Chu-Tha, Mustering In draws many back to the Community to gather with family and loved ones. This year, 98-year-old Dorothy Monahan returned home

from Gallup, NM. to celebrate Mustering In with her family and Community. When asked about the event returning in person, she smiled and replied, "It was good."

**Mustering In Day Celebration Parade winners are:**

First place - Estrella Mountain Traditional Dance Group

Second place - Little Miss Hualapai

Third place - A'chem Traditional Dance Group



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# Community members learn how music helps with memory loss

**Velia Moncada**  
Gila River Indian News

Nearly three dozen Gila River Indian Community members attended a presentation from 9-10:30 a.m. on Aug. 31 at the District 3 Multi-Purpose Building to help those caring for or living with someone with Alzheimer's disease.

The Elderly Concerns group assisted by the Elderly Services Caregiver program (ESCP) in Gila River hosted the event in partnership with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA), Inc. With the number of American Indian and Alaskan Native elderly expected to triple over the next three decades, there's an increasing interest in supporting and assisting those living with Alzheimer's disease.

The guest speaker was

Heather Mulder, associate director of outreach research at Banner Alzheimer's Institute (BAI) as a part of the Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative (ADPI) covering Dementia Capability in Indian Country. She gave everyone a complimentary "Walk with Me" CD and discussed how to use music to connect with and support someone with memory loss.

The 12-track CD reflects Native American culture and features artists such as R. Carlos Nakai, Cliff Sarde, Aaron White and Kelvin Bizahaloni.

"Those of you who know someone with Alzheimer's disease, one of the first things you learn is: Be adaptable," Mulder said. "You have to constantly be creative when you're caring about someone and taking

care of someone that has dementia."

Mulder defined dementia and how to recognize it. She also explained how music can be used creatively to help individuals with their daily functions.

"Throughout our days we put on music for ourselves to help distract us, to help motivate us and to take us to a different time of our lives," Mulder said. "We can do that with people with dementia, too."

She explained how the 12 song CD "Walk with Me" can help with communication, attention, movement and self-care for those with dementia.

"Dementia is a disease that nobody wants to talk about, but we are trying to bring it out to the public more," said Elderly Ser-



Attendants at the Alzheimer's presentation participate in a choreographed routine to songs found on the "Walk with Me" CD. Velia Moncada/GRIN

VICES Caregiver Program Coordinator Regina Antone, District 4. She added that Mulder's presentation emphasized "what signs to look for, how to be compassionate and how to work slowly with someone with dementia."

Antone said there has been a rise in interest concerning Alzheimer's from Community elders and caregivers. She also mentioned that the program had a great turnout among other neighboring tribes.

Linda Andrews, District 4, attended the Alzhei-

mer's presentation and said she learned how the influence of music can restore the interpersonal connection between her and a loved one with dementia.

"It's a subject that a lot of people are dealing with but just don't know how to approach it," Andrews said. "How to ask questions that are going to help them as caregivers and for the person that may have dementia, and how to deal with it, because it's hard to watch your loved ones go through this."

Carol Schruz, District 2, said the topic was per-

sonal to her. A loved one had dementia and passed away, and she wants to prepare herself and her family for the possibility that she might have it someday.

"As part of the aging process, this is important to begin to prepare yourself for what may or may not occur," Schruz said.

For more information about GRIC's elderly services caregiver program, call (520) 562-5232. To order the "Walk with Me" CD, email BAIFCS@bannerhealth.com.



Linda Andrews, District 4 and Carol Schurz, District 2, show of their "Walk with Me" CD given to Community members at the Alzheimer's event. Velia Moncada/GRIN

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## U of A kicks off football season with Land Acknowledgment



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Verlon M. Jose, GRIC Gov. Steven Roe Lewis, and Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel at the University of Arizona Football game Sept. 2. Kyle Knox/GRIN

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, along with Ak-Chin Indian Community Chairman Robert Miguel, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier, Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Verlon M. Jose, and Tohono O'odham Nation Vice Chairwoman Carla John-

son, attended the University of Arizona's first football game of the season on Saturday, Sept. 2.

During the game, a Native American Land Acknowledgment took place, recognizing Tucson as the ancestral homeland of the O'odham and the Yaqui peoples. Before the game, a video was played for the audience acknowledging

that the University of Arizona "is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples... the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service."

Then, during halftime, youth councils and tribal

royalty from all four tribes took to the center field to perform a song as part of the programming. Also, at this time, the University recognized the gathered tribal leaders as they stood on the field and cheered on the youth.

"It's a big night for us and it's very important for us to acknowledge that we're on the land of our Native nation partners, you're our neighbors and these have been your lands for time in memorial, it's long overdue," said University of Arizona's President Dr. Robert C. Robbins.

President Robbins said he was very proud to have hosted all the leaders with a strong presence from all four tribal nations. President Robbins also shared that tonight acknowledges the land but also recognizes the Indigenous students and faculty at the University of Arizona.

"Tonight, shows how much care and honor the University [of Arizona] is giving our tribal nations tonight and it will also help to educate the University's student community about



Youth from all four O'otham sister tribes perform at halftime. Kyle Knox/GRIN

the rich history of the Tucson, being on O'otham Jeved (land)," said Gov. Lewis. "Seeing all our youth tonight is powerful and it's great to hear the sound of

the rattles throughout the stadium and shows that we are still here, we continue to practice our culture, and we're resilient people."



Flags from all four O'otham tribes waved during the halftime performance. Kyle Knox/GRIN

## Gila River EMS Substation Opens in District 7

Kyle Knox

Gila River Indian News

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place for the opening of the new Gila River EMS substation in District 7. District 7 Councilman Devin Redbird, and Gila River Health Care (GRHC) Board Members Robert Pablo and Victoria Allison were in attendance, in addition to District 7 Service Center staff

and residents, to mark the occasion.

The new "Station 7" will drastically cut down on wait times for the residents in District 7. Service wait times are now answered within five minutes, a significant improvement from years past.

Before the opening of Station 7 Councilman Redbird worked diligently with GRHC to provide a temporary station within the Dis-

trict 7 Multi-purpose building in 2020.

Gila River EMS Chief Kurt Rainbolt spoke at the event and thanked District 7 for their patience and hospitality during the construction of the new facility. "I thank the elders of District 7 for allowing us to use your space here in the building and we look forward to providing quality service to everyone here in the district," said Chief Rainbolt.



GRHC board members, GREMS staff, and District 7 residents cut the ribbon, officially opening the EMS Substation. Kyle Knox/GRIN

# CHIEF AZUL

Tribute 2023

**October 13**  
West Cemetery, Sacaton, Az

**TIMELINE OF EVENTS:**  
5:00 pm ..... Governance Center  
5:30 pm ..... Procession to West Cemetery

**SUNSET TO SUNRISE:**  
6:00 pm ..... Guard Detail  
1st Responders  
Veterans  
Sunrise ..... Ceremony

**FOR MORE INFO:**  
Darrell Whitman (520) 810-0316  
Donald Sabon (602) 820-2504  
Pam Thompson (480) 721-0939  
David Jackson (480) 572-8823  
Piaor Plains (480) 326-0555  
Sarah Enos (520) 610-4199



# Lt. Gov. Monica Antone welcomes new GRIC workforce

**Emma Hughes**  
Gila River Indian News

Gila River Indian Community's Human Resource Department is continuously working to ensure staff and personnel are equipped and ready for the job, which begins with orientation for newly hired employees.

The Human Resources Department serves GRIC to attract, select, retain and develop a diverse employee workforce while delivering exceptional customer services in a safe and productive environment.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone regularly joins human resource staff in welcoming new employees where she has the opportunity to meet each of the attendees, while sharing her work, background, and role within the Community.

In 2022, the Executive Office, as represented by Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, took its first steps in welcoming

employees attending the GRIC new employee orientation.

"Included in this welcome are stories of previous career fields, the journey that brought the employee to the Community and even some humorous and detailed fun facts," said Phillip Morris, Training Specialist for the Human Resources Department.

He added, "The best part of the GRIC welcome is Lt. Governor Antone's ability to relate her story to the audience, from talking about her family to her previous positions and now as Lt. Governor, executive's ability to meet the needs of Community members."

Morris facilitates the orientations, which are held bi-weekly for new hires. Human Resources strives to create hiring and employment opportunities for GRIC members as well as provide training and opportunities for expansion.



**Lt. Gov. Antone and Phillip Morris, Human Resources Training Specialist. Emma Hughes/GRIN**



**Lt. Gov. Antone welcomes new employees to GRIC. Emma Hughes/GRIN**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

August 9, 2023

Dear Water User:

The Gila River Indian Irrigation and Drainage District hereby announces the Annual 2023 Ory-Up Schedule, which is listed below:

The annual dry-up which will start at 5:00 AM on Monday, October 30 and end at 6:00 AM on Monday, December 4, 2023.

Wet-up: begins 6:00 AM on Monday, December 4 thru 6:00 AM on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Second Dry-up: begins 6:00 AM on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 thru 5:00 AM on Monday, February 5, 2024

No water will be available on the Pima Lateral due to required maintenance work. Limited deliveries will be available on the Florence Canal and the Casa Grande area. Full deliveries will resume system wide at 6:00 AM on Monday, February 5, 2024.

If you have any questions please contact myself at (520) 562-6782.

Sincerely,

Ronald Allison, General Manager  
cc: Rachael Larson, Bureau of Indian Affairs Pima Agency  
Ferris Begay, Bureau of Indian Affairs San Carlos Irrigation Project  
Clarence Begay, Bureau of Indian Affairs San Carlos Irrigation Project  
Xyle Varvel, Bureau of Indian Affairs San Carlos Irrigation

# Interior Department Announces First Indian Youth Service Corps Grant Awards

*Funding will provide Indigenous youth with opportunities to engage in meaningful public service projects on federal and Tribal lands*

## Submission

U.S. Dept. of the Interior

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior today announced nearly \$3.5 million in 2023 Indian Youth Service Corps (IYSC) grants to eight projects involving more than 20 Tribes and Tribal organizations. These are the first awards for the IYSC, created by Secretary Deb Haaland as a partner-based program designed to provide Indigenous youth with meaningful, Tribally led public service opportunities to support the conservation and protection of natural and cultural resources through construction, restoration, or rehabilitation of natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational or scenic resources. Participants will receive a mix of work experience, basic and life skills, education, training and mentoring.

"Growing up in New Mexico, I helped my grandfather tend to our family's cornfield. My experiences taught me invaluable lessons about how deep our connection to the earth really is," said Secretary Deb Haaland. "I launched the Indian Youth Service Corps to help empower the next generation of Native leaders as they engage in the co-stewardship of public lands and the application of Indigenous Knowledge. The Corps will help these young people strengthen their connection to the lands and waters that their ancestors have

cared for since time immemorial."

"This program provides vocational skills training and career development opportunities for native youth while also making a real impact in our efforts to protect and conserve our natural and cultural resources," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland. "Providing access to nature early and often will help foster the next generation of Indigenous land stewards."

The IYSC is implemented by the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture and Commerce and follows guidelines that were established in consultation with Indian Tribes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other stakeholders.

The first grants awards announced today are designed to help develop Tribal capacity in conservation, natural resource management, and climate resilience. They also provide Tribes and Tribal organizations with financial resources that enable them to invest in, train and recruit a new generation of skilled Indigenous workers.

The 2023 Indian Youth Service Corps grants were awarded to:

- Wood for Life (New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Colorado) - \$1 million awarded to expand the Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps' Wood for Life Program, engaging Native youth from the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, Pueblo of Acoma,



Pueblo of Zuni, and Pueblo of Isleta in reforestation efforts, wildland fire mitigation, and forestry, while also supporting local Tribal fuel and firewood needs. Additional program coordination support will be provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

- Ahtna Cultural Heritage Youth Program (Alaska) - \$560,000 awarded to the Ahtna Cultural Center, located within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, to promote federal-Tribal co-stewardship and expand job opportunities for Ahtna Incorporated's Native youth. Additional program coordination support will be provided by the U.S. National Park Service.

- Wabanaki Youth in Science Program (Maine) - \$528,119 to fund a corps comprised of Native youth from the Wabanaki Nations (Mi'kmaq Nation, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation) to promote the transfer of Indigenous Knowledge, expose Native youth to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and careers, and bolster federal-Tribal co-stewardship

- Traditional Farm Corps (New Mexico) - \$480,223 to fund new Native youth corps in collaboration with the Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps, Pueblo of Acoma, Pueblo of Isleta, and Pueblo of Zuni. Youth will work to restore local Indigenous food systems through agriculture, seed saving, and intergenerational knowledge-sharing. The project will revitalize traditional food sovereignty and promote access to fresh, locally sourced foods for the communities served.

- Hopi Youth Service Corps Program (Arizona) - \$300,000 to fund a Native Youth corps comprised of Hopi Youth in collaboration with the Hopi Tribe and Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps to restore, protect and preserve the cultural landscape on the Hopi Reservation.

- 7Gen Service Corps (South Dakota) Sicangu Co. to provide interdisciplinary and experiential learning internships for youth of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Opportunities will center on Indigenous land and natural resource management, bison restoration, regen-

erative agriculture, cultural resource management, language revitalization, Indigenous Knowledge, and community and workforce development.

- Connecting System Impacted Native Youth to Careers in Natural Resources (New Mexico) - \$250,000 awarded to the Urban Native Barrio Corps (Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps and La Plazita Institute) to engage Native youth and young adults from the greater Albuquerque area to provide restorative justice programming and technical training in environmental conservation and natural resource management. Additional program coordination support will be provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

- Intergenerational Natural Resources Summer Youth Camp at Coronado National Forest (Arizona) - \$48,400 to benefit Native youth from Tribal communities surrounding Coronado National Forest, including 12 federally recognized Tribes with ancestral ties to the forest (Ak-Chin Indian Community, Fort Sill Apache, Gila River Indian Community, Hopi Tribe,

Mescalero Apache Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, Salt River Maricopa Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Yavapai Apache Tribe). Additional program coordination support will be provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

Program activities can include research projects, oral histories, habitat surveys, climate mitigation, trail restoration, invasive species removal, fire fuels reduction, watershed restoration, recreational expansion and the development of educational, informational or communication materials for the public.

IYSC projects will promote self-determination and economic development and can take place on Tribal lands, or on federal lands where Tribes have ancestral connections. All projects on Tribal lands will be designed and managed in a collaborative fashion, including nation-to-nation consultation prior to the start of any project.

# A'AGA

Something to be told or talked about  
By Billy Allen

The riches of our jeved/land-and jobs-bring many to our traditional lands. Such as it was back about 180 years ago. We are a farming people but when o'otham from the mountains came to raid our villages, retaliation was quick. It was a vicious cycle. Village elders knew which boys would make good warriors and who had other talents, it took a village to raise a child.

As westward bound newcomers began to trek along the akimel they also became prey for the mountain o'otham. Travelers hastened to our jeved/land for they knew the O'otham/Piipaash would serve as protectors and guides. It was also learned that the mountain o'otham feared one enemy—O'otham. (In addition, the O'otham as a vendor began.) The cycle evolved when O'otham and Piipaash joined American forces to go after mountain o'otham in 1856-57, as noted by Juan Thomas on his calendar stick.

There was a small gold rush near Prescott in 1861. S-hu:kig/Prescott area ranchers began enlarging their cattle herds to sell to the miners. Then they started losing livestock. Blame was laid on the mountain o'otham. The ranchers banded together to go after the raiders. Some ranchers came to our akimel villages and recruited 25 O'otham and 15 Piipaash as scouts. The O'otham soon returned but Piipaash scouts led the ranchers to a mountain o'otham camp. The encounter became known as the fight at "Bloody Tanks." By 1863, the mountain o'otham were raiding miners' camps. S-hu:kig/Prescott citizens submitted a petition to territorial governor John N. Goodwin to request federal military help. Goodwin wrote to President Lincoln for permission to raise an Arizona volunteer guard, suggesting O'otham/Piipaash to serve as scouts. They knew the land and mountain o'otham tactics. This would lead to the "Mustering In" of O'otham/Piipaash on September 2, 1865. With the help of Thomas Ewing and John D. Walker roughly 200 O'otham and Piipaash enlisted for a 1 year hitch. On March 27, 1866, Lieutenants Ewing and Walker led an estimated 260 O'otham and Piipaash into mountain o'otham territory, stopping on Tonto Creek. At sunrise on the 30th, Walker and An-

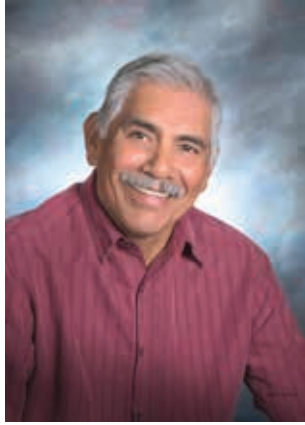
tonio Azul led O'otham east for 15 miles and camped. This allowed some O'otham to make fresh mesquite war clubs. Four days later an attack was launched; 25 mountain o'otham were killed, 16 taken prisoner, 2 O'otham were wounded, one dying from his injuries.

John D. Waller had Wyandotte native blood in his lineage and after his military discharge became the first Milga:n to live among the Akimel O'otham. He put together the first written grammar of the O'otham language and married Consuela Arriega, a woman raised by the O'otham in 1871. (She was known as Churga/Chehia.) They settled east of Sacaton. Arizona historian James McClintock wrote, "It is said that when they were in the field you could not tell him [Walker] from the other Indians. He dressed like them, with nothing but a breech-clout, and whooped and yelled like his Indian comrades." Walker's battle skills appealed to the Akimel O'otham and was granted permission to sit in on O'otham councils.

Mr. Walker's interests included mining. He gained wealth through O'otham connections for in 1879, Tohono O'odham, Juan Jose Gradello, showed Walker a location where silver was readily available. Walker, Peter R. Brady and Juan Jose filed a claim for the Vekol Silver Mine. (Vikol is an O'odham term for great grandparents.) Earning \$167,807 within 3 months. Vekol became a boomtown with a hotel, boarding house, library, livery stable, school, two churches, over 800 residents—but no saloon. Juan Jose sold his share and moved to Florence.

The news of John D. Walker's mine spread. Two of his brothers arrived in 1883; buying out Mr. Bradys' share, and taking over the daily operations of the mine. Mr. Walker talked of a daughter which concerned the brothers. In 1889, the brothers had John D. Walker committed to a California asylum where he died on September 2, 1891. The mine was now worth \$1.5 million and in a search for beneficiaries, Juana Walker was found living in Mesa City. She was living under the care of a Miss Pomeroy. The brothers did not want to share the wealth. (Just before being sent to the asylum, Mr. Walker married but the woman's claim was quickly dismissed, Walker was insane at the time?)

In 1896, the Arizo-



na Supreme Court ruled against Juana Walker. One of the first territorial laws passed in 1865 was miscegenation, prohibiting marriage between races. Therefore, John D. Walker's marriage to Churga/Cehia was null and void. Testimonies of O'otham and white residents of Pinal county, who witnessed the tribal marriage were dismissed. (It wasn't until March of 1962, Arizona eliminated laws related to miscegenation.)

The riches of our jeved/land slipped away. We may not be able to retrieve past riches but it's a different story today. Smile at the 'newcomers,' point to the casino-wish them luck-but not too much.

This O'otham story has some loose ends. Any information revolving around this story, let the GRIN know. ...to be continued?

## ANNOUNCEMENT



**PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED CODE REVISIONS:**

**Criminal Code, Firearms Gaming, Revenue Allocation**

**District 3 Service Center**

Friday, September 22, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

**District 6 Service Center**

Friday, September 22, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.

If you are not able to attend a public hearing, the Proposed Code Revisions will be presented at District meetings in September and early October. Check with the Office of General Counsel for dates.

Contact Office of General Counsel at 520-562-9760 with any questions.

Legislative Standing Committee will consider the proposed ordinance on October 24, 2023 at 1pm.

## MOSQUITOS

Don't let mosquitoes ruin your fun. Protect yourself and the community from mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile virus and Zika virus.



**PREVENTION AND CONTROL**  
WE ALL CAN PLAY A ROLE

Protect your family from mosquito-borne diseases. Remove standing water, use mosquito repellent as directed, and wear long-sleeved shirts and pants.

Repellent is available at your local service center.



**GILA RIVER TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

433 W. Seed Farm Road  
Sacaton Arizona, 85147  
1(520)562-5100

for educational purposes only  
<https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/index.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/gallery/aedes/index.html>

Announcements & Notices



\*\*NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION\*\*  
REVISIONS TO TITLE 5, CRIMINAL CODE

The Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") will be considering proposed revisions to the GRIC Code, Title 5, Criminal Code, at their regular meeting on **October 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** A copy of the proposed revisions to the GRIC Code, Title 5, Criminal Code, is available for review at each District Service Center, the Community Council Secretary's Office, or by contacting the Office of General Counsel at [OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us](mailto:OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us).

If you are interested in providing comments on the proposed revision of the GRIC Code, Title 5, Criminal Code, you may contact your Council representative, the LSC Chairperson at (520) 562-9720, or provide written comments by October 6, 2023, by email to the Office of General Counsel at [OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us](mailto:OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us), or by mail to the Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85147.



\*\*NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION\*\*  
REVISIONS TO TITLE 22, GAMING,  
CHAPTER 13, REVENUE ALLOCATION

The Legislative Standing Committee ("LSC") will be considering proposed revisions to the GRIC Code, Title 22, Gaming, Chapter 13, Revenue Allocation at their regular meeting on **October 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** A copy of the proposed revisions to the GRIC Code, Title 22, Gaming, Chapter 13, Revenue Allocation, is available for review at each District Service Center, the Community Council Secretary's Office, or by contacting the Office of General Counsel at [OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us](mailto:OGC.HelpDesk@gric.nsn.us).

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**Proposed Revisions to TITLE 5: Criminal Code**  
**5.1309. Unlawful Discharge of Firearms**

A. A person commits unlawful discharge of firearms by negligently discharging a firearm within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Community.

B. Defense. This section does not apply if the firearm is discharged:

1. As allowed pursuant to Title 15, Chapter 5- Hunting and Fishing of the Gila River Community Code.

2. The offense of Unlawful Discharge of Firearms shall not apply to a law enforcement officer or other person required or authorized by law to carry or use a firearm in the course of his employment and who carries, handles, uses or discharges a firearm while lawfully engaged in carrying out the duties of his office or lawful employment.

3. On a properly supervised range operated by the Gila River Indian Community Police Department, or any other unsupervised shooting range that meets the requirements of this subsection B.

4. More than one mile from any occupied structure. "Occupied Structure" is defined for purposes of this section as any building, object, vehicle, or place with sides and a floor that is separately securable from any other structure attached to it, that is used for lodging, business, transportation, recreation or storage and in which one or more human beings either are or are likely to be present or so near as to be in equivalent danger at the time the discharge of a firearm occurs; including any dwelling house, whether occupied, unoccupied, or vacant.

5. In self-defense or defense of another person against an animal attack if a reasonable person would believe that deadly physical force against the animal is immediately necessary and reasonable under the circumstances to protect oneself or the other person.  
6. With Justification as provided in 5.208. Justification for Use of Force.  
C. Penalty  
1. For the first offense, the penalty for unlawful discharge of firearms is a misdemeanor and shall be imprisonment for a period not to exceed one year, or a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00, or both.  
2. For a second or any subsequent offense, the penalty may be misdemeanor or felony:

occupied, unoccupied, or vacant.

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2. For a second or any subsequent offense, the penalty may be misdemeanor or felony:

**Proposed Revisions to TITLE 22, Gaming, Chapter 13, Revenue Allocation**  
**Section 22.1203 Eligibility for Per Capita Payments**

A. Eligibility Conditions. All members of the Community who are enrolled in the Community on the Application Deadline for the Payment Date and on the Payment Date shall be eligible for a per capita payment for that Payment Date.

1. If the Community member is a legally competent adult, the following requirements must be satisfied for each Payment Date: (1) the Community member has completed and filed in-person or by mail a one-time application to receive per capita payments meeting the requirements of Section 22.1303(C) and (D); (2) there is no written waiver of per capita payments in effect for the Community member; (3) the Community member was alive on the Application Deadline and the Payment Date; and (4) the Community member is not incarcerated, on the Payment Date, in the Correctional/Detention Facility operated by the Gila River Indian Community as a result of a conviction obtained in the Community Court for an offense comparable to the offenses enumerated under the Major Crimes Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1153, or a felony drug offense under the GRIC Code Title 5, Criminal Code, Chapter 12, Controlled Substances, as may be amended.

2. Community members who are minors or legally incompetent adults and are alive on the Application Deadline and the Payment Date shall have per capita payments deposited in trusts established for their benefit in accordance with Section 22.1306 and are not required to complete an application.

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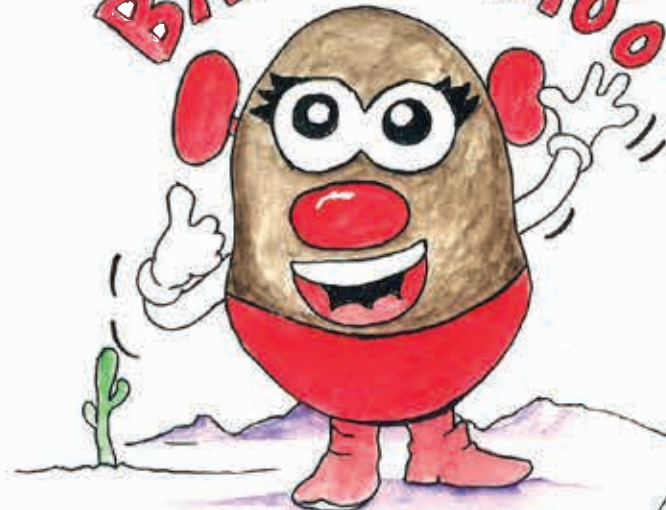
**22.1305. Garnishment.**

A. Child or Spousal Support. If the Community has knowledge that any legally competent adult Community member entitled to receive a per capita payment is delinquent with respect to a duty of child or spousal support under an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction of any federally recognized Indian tribe or state, such per capita payment shall be allocated to the satisfaction of such support obligation in priority over any distribution or allocation of such benefit otherwise provided under this chapter. Allocation of per capita payments for more than one court order for child support shall be determined by the Community Court. Debts under this Section shall be given priority over any other debt for garnishment purposes. Nothing in this provision shall create a duty of financial obligation on the part of the Community to any support obligee or third party.

B. Debts Owed to the Community. If the Community has knowledge that any legally competent adult Community member entitled to receive a per capita payment owes a debt to the Community, such per capita payment may be allocated to the satisfaction of the debt. Community members may appeal an allocation to repay a debt owed to the Community under the procedures set forth in Section 22.1308.

O'OTHAM HUMOR.

BAHBAS MO'O



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5/23

BAHBAS MO'O- Potato head (Prima)

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

Courtesy of the Community Council Secretary's Office • Sept. 6, 2023

## ACTION SHEET

Community Council; P.O. Box 2138; Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Phone (520) 562-9720; Fax (520) 562-9729

## CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday, September 6, 2023, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by Lt. Governor Monica Antone at 9:07 a.m.

## INVOCATION

Provided by Councilman Joseph Manuel, Jr.

## ROLL CALL

Council Secretary Shannon White called the roll

Executive Officers Present:

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2- Ann Lucas; D3- Avery White, Joseph Manuel, Jr.; D4- Christopher Mendoza, Jennifer Allison, Nada Celaya; D5- James De La Rosa, Franklin Pablo, Sr., Brian Davis, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth (9:10), Terrance Evans(9:28); D7- Devin Redbird

Executive Officers Absent:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Council Members Absent:

D4- Lalena Jackson

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE REPORT #2 FOR NON-SUBMITTAL OF MATERIAL AND DISPENSE WITH REPORT #1

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #5 THROUGH #14; ACCEPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS #1 THROUGH #16; AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE NEW BUSINESS #1 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

## PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Gila River Indian Community Missing Person Identification Project (MPIP) 2 Day Community Event

Presenters: FBI Special Agent Grambow, FBI Victim Specialist Savalas, Commander Manuel Duarte

COMMANDER MANUEL DUARTE PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION WHICH IS A COLLABORATION WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON CURRENT CASES OF MISSING AND OR MURDERED PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY AND INTRODUCED FBI SPECIAL AGENT GRAMBOW. AGENT GRAMBOW PROVIDED A SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT AND FUTURE EVENTS BEING HELD ACROSS ARIZONA. FBI VICTIM SPECIALIST SAVALAS EXPLAINED THE PROCESS IN OBTAINING INFORMATION REGARDING MISSING AND/OR MURDERED INDIVIDUALS. THE PROJECT IS IN COLLABORATION WITH SURROUNDING AGENCIES TO LOCATE MISSING PERSONS AND IDENTIFYING ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN LOCATING INDIVIDUALS. AGENT SAVALAS ALSO PROVIDED STATISTICS ON UNIDENTIFIED MISSING PERSONS LOCALLY. VARIOUS COUNCIL THANKED THE FBI AGENTS AND COMMANDER DUARTE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS PROJECT AND LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE EVENTS HELD WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

## REPORTS

\*1. Ak-Chin Indian Community (Executive Session)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Judith Roth, Robert Yoder, Thomas Murphy

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. 3rd Quarter Budget American Legion Haskell Osife Antone Post 51

Presenters: David Anderson, Belen Lawlor, Avery White

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Per Capita Pay Card Outreach

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, Neomi Martinez, Katrina Johnson

REPORT HEARD

4. Gila River Health Care 2022 Annual Report

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Judith Roth,

Dr. Viji Murugavel, Susan Kelley, Priscilla Foote, Carolyn Thompson

REPORT HEARD

>5. Head Start Monthly Report –May 2023

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>6. Head Start Monthly Report –June 2023

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>7. K12 Education Program Quarter 3 Report SY2022-2023

Presenters: Lance Reyna, Isaac Salcido

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>8. Blackwater Community School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 3 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Jagdish Sharma, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>9. Sacaton Elementary School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 3 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Stephanie Celis, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>10. Sacaton Middle School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 3 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Don Schopp, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>11. Casa Blanca Community School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 3 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Kim Franklin, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>12. St. Peter Indian Mission School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 3 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Sister Martha Mary Carpenter, Sister Pamela Catherine, Fabian Terry, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>13. Gila Crossing Community School Tribal Education Allocation Quarter 3 Report for SY2022-2023

Presenters: Jim Mosely, Jeffery Thornburg

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>14. GRSG Q3 FY23 Report

Presenters: Michael Morago, Donna Stowell, GRSG Board of Directors

ACCEPTED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[LT. GOVERNOR ANTONE CALLED FOR A 15 MINUTE BREAK; THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:21 A.M.]

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #15 THROUGH #26

15. Yoder & Langford, P.C., FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Robert Yoder, Catherine Langford

ACCEPTED

16. The Center for Applied Research, Inc., FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Chad B. Linse

ACCEPTED

17. Public Policy Partners FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Meghaen Dell'Artino

ACCEPTED

18. Lippes Mathias, LLP FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Ian Shavitz

ACCEPTED

19. Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting, Inc., FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Peter Mock

ACCEPTED

20. Osborn Maledon FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Jeffrey Molinar

ACCEPTED

21. DR Law, PLLC FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Denten Robinson

ACCEPTED

22. Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC., FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Brian Westfall

ACCEPTED

23. Rothstein Law Firm FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Eric Dahlstrom

ACCEPTED

24. Dorsey & Whitney, LLP FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Mary J. Streitz

ACCEPTED

25. Akin Gump FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenters: Donald Pongrace, Jason Hauter

ACCEPTED

26. Gookin Engineering, LTD., FY23 Annual Report (Executive Session)

Presenter: Ed Gookin

ACCEPTED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT REPORTS #27 AND #28

27. Gila River Gaming Commission Department Report to the Community Council July 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Gaming Commission, M. Scott Sanderson, Lydia R. Acosta

ACCEPTED

28. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report July 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Kenneth Manuel, Dominic Orozco, Richard Strafella, Tony DeMark, Interim Oversight & Planning Committee

ACCEPTED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

29. FY2023 Schedule of Investments ending July 31, 2023 (Executive Session)

Presenter: Treasurer Gary T. Mix

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

## RESOLUTIONS

>1. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For Natural Resource Education Center Farm Filled Ag-Ventures (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda) Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>2. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To The City Of Casa Grande For United Way Of Pinal County Reading By 3rd Grade Initiative (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>3. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Gila County For Christopher Kohl's Fire District Type 6 Brush Truck (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>4. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues The Town Of Mammoth For Mammoth Police Department Body Worn Camera Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

Presenter: Cheryl Pablo

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

>5. A Resolution Authorizing A Grant Award From The Gila River Indian Community's State Shared Gaming Revenues To Maricopa County For Arouet Foundation Workforce Program (G&MSC forwards to Council with a recommendation for approval and for placement on the consent agenda)

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# COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS Cont.'d

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Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO REMOVE MS. JOANNE MILES-LONG FROM THE GILA RIVER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MR. ALBERT PABLO FROM THE RIVERSIDE INDIAN SCHOOL BOARD FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND THE REQUIRED ANNUAL CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

6. Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Directors Declaration of Two (2) Vacancies (EDSC forwards to Council to declare two (2) vacancies and advertise for 60 days subject to the Code of Conduct)

Presenter: Shannon White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE THE TWO (2) VACANCIES AND ADVERTISE FOR 60 DAYS SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

7. CPAO Royalty Committee Report of Audit (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with Additional material for discussion and action)

Presenter: Dena Thomas

MOTION MADE AND SECOND BASED UPON THE SPECIAL AUDIT REPORT THAT WAS PROVIDED BY INTERNAL AUDIT WITH THE CONCERNS ON VIOLATIONS, GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE FORWARDS TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GILA RIVER ROYALTY COMMITTEE AND REFER THE COMMITTEE AND VENDORS ACTIONS TO THE TREASURER FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION UNDER TITLE 13 AND REFER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE EMPLOYEES TO THEIR SUPERVISORS TO DETERMINE IF THE HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY WAS VIOLATED.

MOTION MADE AND SECOND BASED UPON THE SPECIAL AUDIT, GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT STANDING COMMITTEE FORWARDS TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO REMOVE MISS GILA RIVER FOR NOT UPHOLDING HER ROLE AS A MODEL TO THE COMMUNITY BY ACCEPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST GIFT FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN WHO IS HER SISTER WHO IS SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE ROYALTY COMMITTEE AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE INTERNAL AUDIT TO RELEASE THE REPORT TO THE TREASURER APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORS AND CPAO

8. Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report Ending September 30, 2021 (Executive Session) (G&MSC forwards to Council under New Business in Executive Session with a recommendation to accept)

Presenters: Treasurer Gary T. Mix, REDW, Neomi Martinez, Mike Jacobs

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Ak-Chin Indian Community Update (Executive Session) (H&SSC forwards to Council with additional materials for discussion and action)

Presenters: GRHC Board of Directors, Dr. Anthony Santiago, Judith Roth, Robert Yoder, Thomas Murphy

HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT THE MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATING TEAM TO INCLUDE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURSUE RETROCESSION OPTIONS FOR AK-CHIN INDIAN

COMMUNITY SHARES

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CONCUR WITH GRHC EFFORTS TO PURSUE SELF-INSURANCE AND PRC REQUIREMENTS

### MINUTES

1. July 5, 2023 (Regular)

APPROVED

2. July 19, 2023 (Regular)

APPROVED

3. August 16, 2023 (Regular)

APPROVED

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

• THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTION OWNERS TEAM MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

• A LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE WORK SESSION WITH ENROLLMENT WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.

• THE WILD HORSE PASS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.

### ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:11 P.M.

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