

Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: March 22, 2023
TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
FROM: Adelita Grijalva, Chair and District Five Supervisor
REGARDING: Item for the April 4, 2023 agenda



Please add the following to the April 4, 2023 agenda:

Proclamation

Designating April 2023 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and April 5, 2023 as “Wear Teal Day.”
(District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual assault is an epidemic across the United States, affecting an American adult every 68 seconds and a child every nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, one in six American women and one in 33 men has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence disproportionately impacts immigrants, people of color, people with disabilities and members of the LGBTQ+ community, nearly half of whom report being sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and is signified by wearing the color teal to support survivors and remind the community that we must work together to promote education, awareness and accountability for sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault, Pima County, the Pima County Attorney's Office, the University of Arizona, the Southern Arizona Aids Foundation, the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, the Tucson Police Department and other community partners are committed to a comprehensive response to end sexual violence in our community; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month is "Demand Equity: Sexual Violence Affects Everyone," we call on all individuals, communities, organizations and institutions to challenge ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect so that we may support survivors and speak out against harmful attitudes and actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April 2023 to be:

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

and the day of Wednesday, April 5, 2023, to be:

"WEAR TEAL DAY"

in our community and encourages all residents to wear an article of teal clothing or a teal ribbon to raise awareness of sexual assault, to stand in solidarity with sexual assault victims and to support the end of the epidemic of sexual violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2023.

The Honorable Adelita Grijalva, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors