

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ASKING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO REVISIT THE
FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET AND RESTORE EDUCATION FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Arizona Legislature adopted and Arizona Governor Doug Ducey signed a Fiscal Year 2016 state budget that cuts funding for education from kindergarten through the graduate college level, causing long-term negative impacts to seriously limit business growth and new-business attraction, and

WHEREAS, this budget cuts \$352 million from direct state assistance to elementary and secondary education, including \$30 million from joint technical education district programs, and

WHEREAS, this budget eliminates state assistance to community colleges in Pima and Maricopa counties, and

WHEREAS, this budget cuts \$99 million in state assistance to the state's public universities, \$28.4 million of which comes from the University of Arizona, and

WHEREAS, all of these public education districts and institutions were subjected in prior years to significant state budget cuts, and

WHEREAS, all of these public education districts and institutions have pursued innovative ways to deal with the past cuts, but now are faced with a harsh prospect of greatly diminished abilities to educate our children and youth, and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Constitution's promise of a quality public education for all state residents now is in more serious jeopardy than ever before , and

WHEREAS, the future and promise of an Arizona with an educated populace and a healthy economy would be enhanced greatly if the 2016 state budget allocated additional funding for public education,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors calls for the Arizona Legislature and Governor Ducey to reverse the 2016 Fiscal Year budget cuts on assistance to education in order to restore education funding adequate for the state to attract companies and institutions that provide good-paying jobs, but need and demand quality educational offerings for the employees and their children.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM.

Deputy County Attorney

TOM WEAVER