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## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** April 21, 2016

**TO:** Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor *(Signature)*

**REGARDING:** Item for the June 7, 2016 agenda

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Please add the following to the June 7, 2016 agenda:

### **Proclamation**

Declaring June 30, 2016 to be "Joan Lionetti Day," to honor her upon her retirement after 29 years as Executive Director of Tucson Clean and Beautiful. (District 5)

Thank you

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Tucson Clean and Beautiful is a non-profit community organization housed in City of Tucson facilities that over its 31 years in existence has grown to be a significant force for enhancing our local environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Joan Lionetti took the reins of Tucson Clean and Beautiful as its executive director nearly 30 years ago when it was focused on preventing and cleaning litter with the Adopt-a-Park Program in Pima County and City of Tucson parks; and

**WHEREAS**, under Joan's leadership Tucson Clean and Beautiful has launched more than 300 Adopt-a-Park projects, many of which are ongoing, that have involved more than 300,000 volunteer service hours, including 22,000 hours in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Joan soon decided Tucson Clean and Beautiful could, and should, do more than just focus on litter, and in 1988, it began working with Pima County and the City of Tucson on a regional telephone-book recycling program that later grew into a variety of recycling and waste-reduction information and education efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989 Joan, through her contact with the American Forests' Global ReLeaf Project, launched Tucson Clean and Beautiful's Trees for Tucson Program in which it began planting native trees to enhance community beauty and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Trees for Tucson to date has planted more than 150,000 shade trees that have saved energy, intercepted storm water, and reduced carbon-dioxide emissions while beautifying the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Joan oversaw Tucson Clean and Beautiful's work, beginning in 1987, with Pima County to rebuild and expand Children's Memorial Park after it was destroyed by 1983 flooding, adding the Children's Memorial Plaza and, in 2003, getting a grant to install playground equipment in the park; and

**WHEREAS**, Joan and former Pima County Park Superintendent Gale Bundrick in 1993 began to develop El Paseo de los Arboles, a commemorative tree-planting project along a mile-long reach of the Santa Cruz River, that the County and Tucson Clean and Beautiful made a reality - selling the 600 trees intended for it in half the time expected - and it won the 1996 Governor's Pride in Arizona Award and the 1997 National Association of County Park and Recreation Official's Facility Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County and Tucson Clean and Beautiful joined again in 2012 under Joan's leadership to open another Commemorative Tree Park on the Pantano Wash, where 300 trees have been planted, with space for nearly 275 more; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 under Joan's leadership Tucson Clean and Beautiful launched its program YARDS, Youth Achieving Resource Development Skills, in which Pima County juvenile probationers receive job and life skills training centered on plant and landscape maintenance, a program from which 80 youths now have graduated;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Thursday, June 30, 2016, to be:

**"JOAN LIONETTI DAY"**

and upon her retirement honors her for her many years of community contributions, and thanks her for her tireless efforts on behalf of Pima County and its residents.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7th day of June 2016.

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The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robin Brigode, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors