

TO: Julie Castaneda

FROM: Rex Scott

RE: Proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness Day

DATED: May 1, 2021

Please place the following item on the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda for May 18, 2021:

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY IN PIMA COUNTY**

The text of the proclamation is attached to the same email as this memorandum. It was sent to me by one of my constituents, Patricia Maisch, who acted heroically on January 8, 2011, to help disarm the shooter who killed and wounded several people in the parking lot of a store located in our district that day. Her actions were detailed in the ABC News story available via this link:

[Woman Wrestled Fresh Ammo Clip From Tucson Shooter as He Tried to Reload - ABC News \(go.com\)](#)

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, every day gun violence claims more than 100 American lives, wounds 230 more, and results in more than 13,000 gun deaths every year; and

**WHEREAS**, gun homicides and assaults tend to be concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm-related deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

**WHEREAS**, counties across the nation, including Pima County, are working with cities to end this senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence with increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines and an increase in gun violence in cities; and

**WHEREAS**, all Americans should renew their commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all they can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe; and

**WHEREAS**, all are invited to join the friends of Hadiya Pendleton who, in January 2013, was shot and killed at age 15, in recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wearing orange in tribute to all victims and survivors of gun violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the first Friday in June 2021, to be:

### **“NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY IN PIMA COUNTY”**

and encourages all citizens to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence and pledge to do more to reduce gun violence.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of May 2021.

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The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors