




Dr. Sylvia M. Lee, Supervisor, District 3

MEMORANDUM

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Date: September 13, 2024

Re: Agenda Item for October 15, 2024
BOS Meeting

From: Dr. Sylvia M. Lee 
District 3 Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Please place the following item on the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 15th, 2024.

Proclamation stating that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims October 17th, 2024 to be "Arizona Serve Day for the Elimination of Poverty."

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, poverty is a significant challenge affecting the prospects of many youth and families; and

WHEREAS, economic mobility is critical to breaking the cycles of poverty and requires an approach in areas of education, workforce development, and community support; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Serve, a program of Prescott College, works to address the root causes of poverty by increasing the capacity of local organizations by deploying AmeriCorps members to serve in these areas in both Yavapai and Pima counties; and

WHEREAS, the placement of AmeriCorps members in local agencies, includes but not limited to Goodwill of Southern Arizona, Youth On Their Own, Boys To Men Tucson, Pima County Teen Court, and the Pima County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Peer Coach program under the Pima College Access Network, a partnership between Arizona Serve and the Metropolitan Education Commission, is the largest cohort of members in Pima County, annually empowering high school students to support their peers in accessing higher education; and

WHEREAS, over the last five years, peer coaches have collectively earned over \$161,000 in education awards and served 31,000 hours in service to the community, with 1,959 students in Pima County directly supported in their college readiness during the last academic year; and

WHEREAS, the Pima College Access Network, supported by Pima County, is committed to collaborating with Arizona Serve to advance educational address and workforce readiness; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with October 17th as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Pima County recognizes Arizona Serve's continued mission to address poverty as an incredible asset to its economic and social prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors reinforce our value for collaborations to eliminate poverty and celebrate the work of AmeriCorps in uplifting our community by hereby proclaiming Thursday, October 17, 2024, to be:

“ARIZONA SERVE DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF POVERTY”

and encourages all residents to reflect on the importance of this day, support efforts to eliminate poverty, and engage in actions to promote economic mobility for all, particularly our most vulnerable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October 2024.

The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors