

MEMORANDUM

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

Date: 1/30/2026

Re: Agenda Item for February 17, 2026 Meeting

From: Rex Scott
District 1 Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Please place the following item on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting February 17, 2026.

Proclamation – YOUTH ON THEIR OWN DAY IN PIMA COUNTY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Youth On Their Own (YOTO) is a dropout prevention program that supports the high school graduation and continued success of youth experiencing homelessness in Pima County; and

WHEREAS, the organization was founded in 1986 when Ann Young, a guidance counselor in the Amphitheater School District, noticed that talented and motivated students were dropping out of school due to homelessness and being forced to live on their own without a parent or guardian; and

WHEREAS, the YOTO program provides support to youth experiencing homelessness in three main ways: financial assistance, basic needs items, and guidance; and by focusing on these aspects, YOTO provides youth with the stability and support they need to pursue and achieve their high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, YOTO serves as a critical safety net for Pima County's most vulnerable youth, and its holistic approach – combining financial assistance, basic needs support, and personalized guidance – has proven effective in breaking the cycle of homelessness and empowering young people to build stable, successful futures; and

WHEREAS, YOTO has grown from serving a few students at Amphitheater High School to supporting approximately 1,500 youth annually across Pima County, with an estimated 20,000 participants over four decades, and an impact on the community that has been both significant and far-reaching.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Sunday, February 1, 2026, to be:

“YOUTH ON THEIR OWN DAY IN PIMA COUNTY”

in recognition of 40 years of Youth On Their Own in Pima County and its continued commitment to ensuring that every youth in Pima County has the opportunity to graduate high school and thrive.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February 2026.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors