



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

Requested Board Meeting Date: September 04, 2018

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**Title:** Preparedness Month Proclamation

**Introduction/Background:**

Each year the month of September is designated as National Preparedness Month in which there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to encourage all Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities.

**Discussion:**

The Pima County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) requests the Board of Supervisors' proclaim September as **Preparedness Month** in Pima County in support of the national efforts.

**Conclusion:**

The Office of Emergency Management along with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), the Faith-Based Community, our Public Safety Partners, and other Local, Tribal, Private and Volunteer Agencies, will engage in activities to raise awareness and educate the public about the importance of being prepared.

**Recommendation:**

Approval of the Proclamation will encourage every citizen, business, and school in our community to recognize the importance of preparing for potential emergencies beforehand and to observe this month with appropriate preparedness activities, events, and training to ensure our County stands ready to respond to any disaster or emergency.

**Fiscal Impact:**

No Fiscal Impact

**Board of Supervisor District:**

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, September has been designated as National Preparedness Month to encourage all Americans to be ready for emergencies in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month includes a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to encourage and remind Americans to plan and prepare for natural disasters or other emergencies in their homes, businesses, and neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Pima County and everyone should make it a priority to learn about risk factors and protect themselves against potential injuries, property damage or economic loss that often result from disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of September, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management along with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), the faith-based community, our public safety partners and other local, tribal, private, and volunteer agencies will engage in activities to educate the public about the importance of being prepared.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of September 2018 to be:

### “PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

The theme of National Preparedness Month 2018 is “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.” The Board encourages all County residents to take the proactive steps to prepare for any situation, including signing up for MyAlerts.pima.gov and confirming insurance policies cover hazards such as intense storms, flooding and wildfires. Also recommended: learning CPR, first aid and other lifesaving skills and taking practical safety steps like shutting off utilities. It is critical to prepare in advance to ensure Pima County is resilient and disaster-ready.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of September 2018.

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The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors