

Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

DATE: August 3, 2023

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District Five Supervisor

REGARDING: Item for the August 8, 2023 Addendum

K. Baggett, for

Please add the following to the August 8, 2023 addendum:

Proclamation

Designating the day of August 31 as "Overdose Awareness Day in Pima County" (District 5)

Thank you

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we call upon residents, government agencies, organizations, healthcare providers and research institutions to raise awareness of substance use disorders, to combat stigma, to promote treatment, to celebrate recovery and to strengthen our collective efforts to prevent overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that in Pima County there were 495 deaths due to accidental overdose in 2022, with fentanyl involved in the deaths of 281 people aged 18 to 79; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that overdose affects our sons and daughters; our mothers and fathers; our brothers and sisters; and our friends, and all are deserving of our love, compassion and support; and

WHEREAS, we call on all residents to acknowledge Overdose Awareness Day as an opportunity for Pima County to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, cultural change happens in neighborhoods and local communities play a major role in assisting with the removal of the stigma of addiction and the normalization of recovery; and

WHEREAS, addiction is not a moral failing but a complex and treatable disease, a life of recovery is possible and every human deserves our best effort to prevent injury and death from overdose, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to support clinical screenings; overdose prevention policies and projects; and to help the wider community understand that drug overdose is a social issue that affects the victim, families, friends and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Thursday, August 31, 2023, to be:

“OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY IN PIMA COUNTY”

and we call this observance to the attention of all our residents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of August, 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors