PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1896, the Tucson Metro Chamber has served as the premier business advocacy and economic expansion organization in Southern Arizona, now representing 1,500 companies, 60 percent of them small businesses, and which, in all, employ more than 160,000 people who live in Tucson and Pima County; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its distinguished history the Chamber has consistently worked to amplify the voice of business in the region by engaging with local, state and federal officials and by supporting public policies that promote economic expansion; and

WHEREAS, by seeking common ground between the private and public sectors to find equitable solutions when disagreements occur, the Chamber strives at all times to increase the awareness of issues and candidate positions among its investors and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber also acts as an advocate for the creation of new economic opportunities for Tucson, Pima County and Southern Arizona by promoting a positive perception of our community and supporting civic improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber also advocates for the preservation and expansion of funding for education, particularly those programs and institutions that promote career and technical instruction, improve workforce readiness and develop future business leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber always looks to the future to offer tools and resources to help businesses grow; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber helps develop future community leaders by hosting groups such as the Emerging Leaders Council and by frequent collaboration with Greater Tucson Leadership to retain local businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims and recognizes that October 31, 2016 was:

"TUCSON METRO CHAMBER DAY"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of November 2016.

The Honorable Shard Pima County Board of	•
ATTEST:	
Robin Brigode, Clerk Pima County Board of	