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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 10, 2018

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, Chairman and District Five Supervisor

REGARDING: Item for the September 18, 2018 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the September 18, 2018 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Declaring October 2018 to be "Freedom of the Press Month." (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a free press is enshrined in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution because the nation's founders believed a robust, free press is fundamental to a successful democracy; and

WHEREAS, press freedom is essential to the creation and preservation of free and open societies; and

WHEREAS, press freedom enhances accountability and transparency of representative government; and

WHEREAS, people rely on the press to be informed and to engage in meaningful public discussion with their elected representatives and with each other; and

WHEREAS, local press outlets are sometimes excluded, maligned or dismissed by elected officials and the public when they report unpleasant information; and

WHEREAS, the University of Arizona School of Journalism educates young people who aspire to be journalists and emphasizes that reporting on public affairs is fundamental to the practice of American journalism; and

WHEREAS, the UA School of Journalism's mission is "to provide future journalists with the intellectual training and professional skills necessary to gather, evaluate, organize and disseminate information in a way that enables citizens to participate in a democratic society in a meaningful way."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby affirms its support of press freedom and for the UA School of Journalism's vital role in training those who report the news, and declares the month of October 2018 to be:

"FREEDOM OF THE PRESS MONTH"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of September 2018.

The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors