

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the YMCA has provided support and service to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families for more than 150 years; including operating field hospitals in the Civil War; providing 90% of social services during World War I; and operating the USO during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, the YMCA has had a presence in our community since 1914 and has been providing programs and services to active, reserve, retired military and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the YMCA of Southern Arizona recent support of local military families includes sending over 600 children of military families to a weeklong summer camp at the Triangle Y Ranch Camp in 2016 and 2017 including hosting Camp Corral for children of wounded, handicapped or fallen soldiers; and

**WHEREAS**, The YMCA of Southern Arizona used proceeds from the 2016 YMCA Community Military Ball, 2017 YMCA Community Military Breakfast and other YMCA funding sources to provide Military Membership financial assistance to more than 1,300 military families and free swim lessons for 185 children from military families; and

**WHEREAS**, the YMCA of Southern Arizona is now an official Armed Services YMCA Affiliate and is contracted to send additional children of military families to Triangle Y Ranch Camp and to our Association Day Camps in summer 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, many families within our community have members who served in the military and numerous businesses, government agencies and charitable organizations here provide support to military service members and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the YMCA of Southern Arizona is hosting the 2018 YMCA Community Military Ball to celebrate and honor all five branches of the U.S. Armed Services' active, reserve, retired military servicemen and women and their families on November 10, 2018 at the Tucson Convention Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 YMCA Community Military Ball will honor community members of each service as our 2018 YMCA Council of Heroes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 YMCA Community Military Ball will pay special tribute and honor to World War II and Korean War Veterans, many of whom will be attending as our honored guests along with local active duty service members; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds of the 2018 YMCA Community Military Ball will be once again used entirely to enhance, extend and expand access for military families to YMCA facilities, programs and services at branches throughout our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County is home to the 355th Fighter Wing, Twelfth Air Force, 924th Fighter Group and 162nd Fighter Wing as well as thousands of veterans from all five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the longstanding record of service provided by the YMCA to military servicemen and women and their families; and recognizes and supports the:

**“2018 YMCA COMMUNITY MILITARY BALL”**

which will allow the YMCA of Southern Arizona as a local nonprofit and Affiliate of the Armed Services YMCA to provide services and programs to members of the military, veterans and their families; and encourages all Pima County residents to participate in this and other events to honor our military men, women and their families.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of May 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