



# PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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COUNTY SUPERVISOR - DISTRICT 5

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 23, 2020  
**TO:** Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board  
**FROM:** Betty Villegas, District Five Supervisor  
**REGARDING:** Item for the October 6, 2020 agenda

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Please add the following to the October 6, 2020 agenda:

### Proclamation

Proclaiming Saturday, October 10, 2020, to be "National Period Day in Pima County. (District 5)

Thank you

SEP 23 2020 10:00 AM

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, access to menstrual products is a basic human need for menstruators; and

**WHEREAS**, menstrual equity means everyone who gets a period deserves to have access to menstrual products so they can be fully active in society, be healthy, and succeed at school and work; and

**WHEREAS**, local, state and federal government policies often cause or exacerbate inequitable access to menstrual products by imposing sales taxes on them, limiting access to these products in prisons and jails, exempting menstrual products from public health benefits programs, and not making these products uniformly available in public places such as schools and homeless shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Arizona law, menstrual products are deemed non-essential goods; and

**WHEREAS**, too often the choice has to be made between purchasing menstrual products and other necessities, causing menstruators to miss school or work, and use absorbent materials such as rags, toilet paper, or socks, which can lead to health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, one in five girls has missed school due to lack of access to menstrual products and missing just a few days of a school year can lead to significant performance gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, incarcerated menstruators often have to choose between accessing medical care, buying menstrual products, or speaking to their families or their attorneys on the phone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, October 10, 2020, to be:

### **“NATIONAL PERIOD DAY IN PIMA COUNTY”**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of October 2020.

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The Honorable Ramón Valadez, Chairman  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors