



MEMORANDUM

September 30, 2025

To: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

From: Andrés Cano
District 5 Supervisor

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RE: Item for the October 14th Agenda

Please add the following to the October 14th agenda:

Proclamation:

El Rio Health Center 55 Years of Service. (District 5)

Thank you.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable health care in our nation's underserved communities, demonstrating that locally governed healthcare can improve lives while lowering costs; and

WHEREAS, once a small clinic in 1970 on Tucson's west side, El Rio Health is now celebrating 55 years of service, providing care to hundreds of thousands of individuals and families at 14 locations across Tucson, with a patient-centered, integrated health care approach focusing on improving community-wide health outcomes for those who have limited or no other resources; and

WHEREAS, El Rio Health serves 1 in 9 Tucsonans, with 60% of their patients living at or below the poverty level, and provided \$20.1 million in uncompensated charity care in 2024; and

WHEREAS, El Rio Health employs over 1,900 people and serves over 129,000 patients, including 38,972 children under age 18, and is the 20th largest of the 1,500 Community Health Centers in the U.S. and is highly regarded because of its integrated services for all people; and

WHEREAS, El Rio Health provides high-quality, cost-effective, accessible primary and preventive care, including integrated medical, dental, and behavioral health and pharmacy services, to all individuals regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, El Rio Health's dedicated staff, board members, volunteers and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since they opened their doors 55 years ago have generated 450,000 visits a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proudly celebrates:

“EL RIO HEALTH CENTER’S 55 YEARS OF SERVICE”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October 2025.

The Honorable Rex Scott, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors