

MEMORANDUM

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Date: 11/24/2025

Re: Agenda Item for December 16, 2025 Meeting

From: Rex Scott
District 1 Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Please place the following item on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting December 16, 2025.

Proclamation-BILL BUCKMASTER DAY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bill Buckmaster has been a trusted, thoughtful, and thorough journalist in Pima County for the past 37 years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Buckmaster has been gathering and reporting the news for 56 years, starting his news career in Arizona after earning a bachelor's degree in radio and TV from the University of Arizona in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Bill Buckmaster is a double Hall of Famer, inducted into the Arizona Broadcasters Association's Hall of Fame in 2015, and the Nevada Broadcasters Association's Hall of Fame in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Bill Buckmaster's list of honors is nearly as long as his career, including five Emmy Award nominations and the Silver Circle Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the Gold Mic Award from the Tucson Chapter of the American Advertising Federation, the Citizen Medal from the Pima County Sheriff's Department, the department's highest civilian honor, and even the placement of his name on an asteroid by astronomer David Levy, joining Walter Cronkite as the only other journalist in the universe with such an honor; and

WHEREAS, through his Bill Buckmaster radio show the past decade and a half, Bill has been a stalwart supporter of Tucson small businesses and the visitor and hospitality industry; and

WHEREAS, Bill, by his count, has interviewed more than 10,000 people in his distinguished career, from comet seekers to crime busters, from mayors to major generals, from city council members to candidates for President, and from artists to activists; and

WHEREAS, every guest on his TV and radio shows, no matter their background, point of view, or political persuasion, knew they would be treated with dignity and respect and that they needed to be prepared to answer fair and firm questions; and

WHEREAS, Bill Buckmaster in an interview with the Tucson Sentinel described his personal ethos reporting the news as, "... I believe that a news person gathers facts and presents the facts, and then the reader, listener, viewer is smart enough to make their own decision about what they believe is the best choice for them."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Tuesday, December 30, 2025, to be:

"BILL BUCKMASTER DAY"

and urges all County residents to wish the legendary broadcaster and consummate news professional fair seas and following winds as he travels the world in his well-earned, and well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December 2025.

The Honorable Rex Scott, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors