



PIMA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5

DATE: November 22, 2022

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita S. Grijalva, District Five Supervisor, Vice Chair

REGARDING: Item for the December 6, 2022 Agenda

Please add the following to the December 6, 2022 agenda:

Proclamation

Designating the month of December 2022 as "Influenza Vaccination Awareness Month" (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, seasonal influenza activity is elevated across the nation and respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, cases in Pima County are higher than during the previous five years; and

WHEREAS, influenza in Arizona resulted in more than 18,000 reported illnesses in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that racial and ethnic disparities in flu vaccination coverage continue and contribute to overall poorer health outcomes in minority communities; and

WHEREAS, populations with a higher risk of developing complications from the flu include adults 65 years and older; adults with chronic health conditions; pregnant people; racial and ethnic minority groups; and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, receiving the vaccine can reduce the severity of illness by increasing immune system response, prevent hospitalization from complications and protect our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, getting an annual influenza vaccine is more important than ever in reducing the burden on the hospital system; and

WHEREAS, Influenza Vaccination Awareness Month will serve as a countywide call to encourage everyone 6 months and older to get their annual flu shot, especially those at higher risk; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Health Department's REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) program supports vaccination efforts by raising awareness about the impact of flu on the people of Pima County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of December 2022 to be:

"INFLUENZA VACCINATION AWARENESS MONTH"

and encourages all individuals, organizations, businesses and communities to help raise awareness about the influenza vaccination and the importance of creating a healthy environment for all.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of December 2022.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors