



PIMA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

DATE: February 15, 2023

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

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

REGARDING: Item for the February 21, 2023 Addendum



Please add the following to the February 21, 2023 addendum:

Proclamation

Designating the month of March 2023 as "American Red Cross Month" (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, people in Pima County come together to care for one another. This humanitarian spirit is part of the foundation of our community and is exemplified by American Red Cross volunteers and donors; and

WHEREAS, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering. Today, more than 140 years later, we honor the kindness and generosity of Red Cross volunteers in Pima County who continue to carry out Barton’s life-saving legacy. They join millions of people across the United States who volunteer, give blood, donate financially or learn vital, life-preserving skills through the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, in the last year, about 450 ordinary individuals in Southern Arizona provided a helping hand to make an extraordinary difference for neighbors in need by providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by 284 local disasters that impacted about 1,000 individuals. These volunteers also made homes safer by educating more than 1,200 individuals in disaster preparedness; took in more than 45,000 units of blood for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease; and supported more than 3,500 service members and veterans, along with their families and caregivers, through the unique challenges of military life. Red Cross volunteers also helped save the lives of others by training nearly 13,000 people in first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering international humanitarian aid and reconnecting about 350 people to loved ones separated by crises around the world; and

WHEREAS, their work to prevent and alleviate human suffering is vital to strengthening our community’s resilience. We dedicate this month of March to all those who continue to advance the noble legacy of Barton, who lived by her words, “You must never think of anything except the need and how to meet it.” We ask others to join in this commitment to give back to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of March 2023 to be:

“AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of February 2023.

The Honorable Adelita Grijalva, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors