



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 5, 2016

TO: Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Ramón Valadez, County Supervisor, District 2

SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors Agenda Item – District 2 Action Item

Place the following on the Board of Supervisor's Agenda for the meeting on October 18, 2016

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclamation

Presentation and recognition to Babbi Pallanes, Michele Gaxiola, Lorren Quackenbush, Terry Johnson, Sandra Lee, David Estle, and Terry Ruiz from the Public Defender's Office

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2016, Babbi Pallanes, Michele Gaxiola, Lorren Quackenbush, Terry Johnson, Sandra Lee, David Estle, and Terry Ruiz, each employees of the Pima County Public Defenders' Office quickly came to the lifesaving aid of Public Defender Howard Wine, who was found slouched in his office chair and grasping for breath, and

WHEREAS, Michele Gaxiola had the forethought to try and wake Howard and noticed he wasn't breathing and had no pulse, and quickly called for help, and

WHEREAS, Sandra Lee called 911, and Terry Johnson helped to facilitate and coordinate management notification. Immediately, David Estle and Lorren Quackenbush sprang into action and helped move Howard to the floor, and assisted with keeping his airway clear, and

WHEREAS, Babbi Pallanes quickly and calmly provided lifesaving medical aid which she had learned in training the year before, and Terry Ruiz rushed downstairs to escort the Tucson Fire Department paramedics to their office on the 20th floor, and

WHEREAS, Howard Wine, a 58-year-old father of three children and husband of fellow attorney Julie Duvall was rushed to St. Mary's Hospital where he spent ten days in a medically induced coma, and later was able to visit with this heroic team who saved his life through their bold and inspiring conduct, and

WHEREAS, this unwavering call to instantaneous action by each of these fellow employees and friends of Howard Wine was a courageous and inspirational commitment which is very much in keeping with the sentiments of the late actor Christopher Reeves, who aptly defined, "A hero as an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, in keeping with an honored tradition of recognizing the extraordinary and selfless dedication, conduct and courageous valor of its employees does hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 18, 2016, to be:

Pima County Public Defender's Office Employee Heroic Action Day, and it further conveys the recognition and title of "HERO" to Babbi Pallanes, Michele Gaxiola, Lorren Quackenbush, Terry Johnson, Sandra Lee, David Estle and Terry Ruiz

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors urges all citizens of Pima County to join in applauding the heroic actions by these courageous employees which were accomplished with fond affection for a fellow employee without expectation of any honor or recognition.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of October 2016.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors