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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 25, 2013

**TO:** Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor *Keith Brigode, fa*

**REGARDING:** Item for the October 1, 2013 agenda addendum

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Please add the following to the October 1, 2013 agenda addendum:

### Proclamation

Declaring the week of October 6 through October 13, 2013, to be: "Mental Illness Awareness Week"  
(District 5)

Thank you

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, serious mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorders affect one in every five families; and

**WHEREAS**, serious mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness of the brain posing the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific research is working vigorously toward breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments that allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, serious misunderstandings still exist about mental illness, and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims October 6, 2013, through October 12, 2013, to be:

### **“MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK”**

in Pima County to increase public awareness of mental illness and to promote its treatment and recovery.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of October 2013.

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Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board