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PIMA COUNTY

MEMORANDUM


DATE: August 22, 2017
TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor 
REGARDING: Item for the September 5, 2017 agenda

Please add the following to the September 5, 2017 agenda:

Proclamation

Declaring the week of September 18 to be "Safe Use and Disposal of Medications Awareness Week."
(District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, misuse of unused and unwanted prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, and pills led to 263 accidental and overdose deaths in Pima County during 2016; and

WHEREAS, unsecured and improperly stored unused and expired medications can have a detrimental impact on the safety, health and well-being of young children, older adults and pets; and

WHEREAS, unsecured and improperly stored unused and expired medications pose a risk to children and teenagers because of easy access to these medications for use or unauthorized sales; and

WHEREAS, prescription and over-the-counter medications are introduced into our environment by flushing them down toilets or pouring them down sinks, contributing to the contamination of our water supplies; and

WHEREAS, Dispose-A-Med is a partnership of government, law enforcement and community groups working together to develop and maintain pharmaceutical take-back programs throughout our region; and

WHEREAS, since 2009 the regional Dispose-A-Med partnership has collected, and destroyed in an environmentally-safe manner, more than 17 tons of unwanted medications by offering residents safe, secure and confidential disposal at community take-back events and at permanent take-back boxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of September 18, 2017 to be:

“SAFE USE AND DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS AWARENESS WEEK”

and urges residents to participate in a Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medication Take Back Event in October and to use any of the 19 permanent take-back boxes located at various sites around Pima County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2017.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors