

# MEMORANDUM

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Date: September 19, 2023

Re: Agenda Item for October 3<sup>rd</sup> BOS meeting

From: Rex Scott  
District 1 Supervisor  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

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Please place the following item on the agenda for the October 3, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Proclamation for Down Syndrome Awareness month.

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, approximately one in every 700 children is born with Down syndrome, representing an estimated 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, while research and early intervention have resulted in dramatic improvements in the lives and potential of those who are affected, more investigation is needed into the causes and treatment of Down syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, people with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities and are active participants in the educational, occupational, social and recreational circles of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with Down syndrome should have equal opportunities to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their communities and reaching their fullest potential; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Arizona Network for Down syndrome seeks to inspire, educate and support families and communities living with Down syndrome throughout the region by promoting public awareness of the Granting Opportunities for Learning & Development, or GOLD, program.

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

## **“DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH”**

in Pima County and encourages our citizens to celebrate individuals with Down syndrome and consider what support they may offer to help these amazing individuals achieve their life goals.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3rd day of October, 2023.

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The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors