

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, representatives from six original member cities came together to form IGBO, the International Gay Bowling Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, IGBO provides educational services, communication avenues, and social opportunities to promote the sport of bowling and to enrich lives of individuals through leagues and tournaments worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, IGBO, with over 5,000 members worldwide, continues to grow as the number one and official bowling organization for the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) community on the planet; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1981, two conferences and tournaments are conducted annually in cities across the United States and Canada for the Board of IGBO and general membership to gather to conduct IGBO business; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County and the City of Tucson hosted IGBO's Mid-Year Conference and Tournament in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1997 Pima County became the first county in the state whose Supervisors voted to extend medical benefits to same-sex domestic partners and their families, and which was able to implement this in 1998 after a successful yearlong court battle; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County's Board of Supervisors have had a long-standing history of support on issues of concern to the LGBT Community; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than three decades, Pima County and City of Tucson has had LGBT bowling leagues participating in IGBO, with the latest being the Welcome to Oz bowling league at Tucson Bowl; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 in Seattle, Washington, by a unanimous vote, the IGBO Board and General Membership awarded the Tucson Bid Committee, whose members resided in Tucson and across Pima County, the rights to host the IGBO 2014 Annual Conference and Tournament;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 13, 2014, through May 18, 2014, to be:

### **"IGBO ANNUAL 2014 CONFERENCE AND TOURNAMENT WEEK"**

in this community, and urges all of our citizens to show their support for this event.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13th day of May 2014.

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Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board