



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: April 18, 2017

Title: Law Day Proclamation, May 1, 2017

Introduction/Background:

Law Day is celebrated in the United States of America each May 1st, pursuant to a joint resolution by Congress (36 U.S. Code - Section 113). This day was set aside to mark the Nation's heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law. Superior Court is requesting the Board of Supervisors formally recognize these rights by proclaiming May 1, 2017 "Law Day" in Pima County.

Discussion:

In conjunction with the Young Lawyers Division of the Pima County Bar Association, Superior Court commemorates Law Day each year by hosting an educational event for Pima County high school students. This year's celebration will salute "*The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy*" in recognition of the numerous contributions of one of the most often cited constitutional enactments, and provide students a chance to explore the many ways that the Fourteenth Amendment has reshaped American law and society.

Conclusion:

Formal recognition of Law Day by the Board of Supervisors will support this exceptional educational opportunity for Pima County youth, and enrich the prominence of Law Day in our community.

Recommendation:

We respectfully recommend that the Board of Supervisors declare May 1, 2017, as "Law Day" in Pima County.

Fiscal Impact:

Board of Supervisor District:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American justice system is charged with upholding the rule of law and ensuring that every citizen's fundamental constitutionally-guaranteed individual rights are protected; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1st *Law Day*, which is a national day to recognize and celebrate our justice system and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the Law Day 2017 theme, "*The 14th Amendment, Transforming American Democracy*" celebrates the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for numerous federal court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and provides a source of inspiration for all those who advocate for equal justice under law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim Monday, May 1, 2017 to be:

"LAW DAY"

and during this event, all citizens are urged to join with the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County in expressing gratitude for the protections afforded by the United States Constitution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2017.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors