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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 30, 2013

TO: Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor 

REGARDING: Item for the November 5, 2013 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the November 5, 2013 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Declaring November 5, 2013 to be "Art Almquist Day" in recognition of the Tucson High Magnet School drama teacher winning the national 2013 People's Choice Award from People magazine. (District 5)

Thank you

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tucson native Art Almquist is a devotee of drama and equally dedicated to teaching the subject at Tucson High Magnet School; and

WHEREAS, Art Almquist has for 17 years used his teaching of drama to help Tucson High students discover who they are and that they have the ability, in many and varied ways, to be meaningful parts of the larger society; and

WHEREAS, Art Almquist empowers students in his drama classes to trust themselves as unique individuals who nonetheless share commonalties with others as they see parts of themselves in the characters they play; and

WHEREAS, the students in Art Almquist's classes learn that drama is part of human life and a means of communicating the stories that everyone has to tell; and

WHEREAS, Art Almquist's ability to successfully teach drama is enhanced by his own experience on the stage as he has worked locally with his wife, Amy, and with Invisible Theatre, Live Theatre Workshop and Beowulf Alley Theatre Company; and

WHEREAS, the teaching career of Art Almquist is based on a solid educational background as he has a bachelor's degree from Vassar College in theater education and master's degrees from the University of Montana in acting and in performance theory and criticism; and

WHEREAS, the application of Art Almquist for 2013 Teacher of the Year recognition from People magazine made him a finalist for the magazine's "People's Choice" award; and

WHEREAS, so many of Art Almquist's friends, associates and admiring students voted for him that he won this coveted national award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 5, 2013, to be:

"ART ALMQUIST DAY"

to recognize him for this accomplishment and to honor him for his many years of outstanding service to Tucson High students guiding them toward successful futures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of November 2013.

Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board