

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the theme of the upcoming National Teen Driver Safety Week, which begins Sunday, October 18, and goes through Saturday, October 24, 2015, is Talk to Your Teen About the “5 to Drive;” and

WHEREAS, in the United States, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens age 14-18 and in 2013, there were 2,614 teens age 15-19 driving passenger vehicles who were involved in fatal crashes with an estimated 130,000 injured; and

WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2014 in Pima County, Arizona, 12 fatalities were reported to be teenage drivers being young and inexperienced motorists; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal for the “5 to Drive” campaign highlights the five necessary rules that teen drivers need to follow to stay safe behind the wheel. These rules address the greatest dangers for teen drivers: alcohol, texting, seat belts, speeding, and extra passengers; and

WHEREAS, Pima County encourages parents to talk to their teen about:

- **No Drinking and Driving.**
Drinking before the age of 21 is illegal, and alcohol and driving should never mix no matter the age.
- **Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time. Front Seat and Back.**
Wear your seat belt every time you’re in the car and remember it’s the law to buckle up on every trip.
- **Put It Down. One Text or Call Could Wreck It All.**
Texting or dialing while driving is dangerous, and the phone should be off-limits on the road.
- **Stop Speeding Before It Stops You.**
Drive the speed limit. Every time your speed doubles, your stopping distance quadruples.
- **No More Than One Passenger at Any Time.**
With each passenger in the vehicle, a teen’s risk of a fatal crash goes up.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of October 18 through 24, 2015, to be:

“NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK”

in Pima County and encourages all teenagers of Pima County and their families to make the right decisions while driving to protect their lives and others.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2015.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors