



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: September 5, 2017

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Title: Preparedness Month Proclamation

Introduction/Background:

Each year the month of September is designated as National Preparedness Month in which there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools.

Discussion:

The Pima County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) requests the Board of Supervisors' proclaim September as **Preparedness Month** in Pima County in support of the national efforts.

Conclusion:

OEM along with the Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) and other local, tribal, private, and volunteer agencies will engage in activities that encourage residents to take steps to make themselves and their families more resilient and better prepared for disasters and emergencies.

Recommendation:

Approval of the proclamation will encourage all citizens, businesses, and schools to recognize the importance of preparing for potential emergencies beforehand and to observe this month with appropriate preparedness activities, events, and training to ensure our county stands ready to respond to any disaster or emergency.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Board of Supervisor District:

1 2 3 4 5 All

Department: Office of Emergency Management Telephone: 724-9300

Department Director Signature/Date: [Signature] 8-21-17 [Signature] 8-21-17

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: [Signature] 8-22-17

County Administrator Signature/Date: [Signature] 8/22/17

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, across the nation, September has been designated as National Preparedness Month to encourage all Americans to improve emergency preparedness in their communities; and

WHEREAS, during National Preparedness Month there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness, and to encourage every citizen to renew their commitment to prepare for emergencies at home, work, school and community-wide; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Pima County and all are urged to make preparedness a priority and take steps to protect our community before disaster strikes by learning about risk factors for injuries, property damage and potential economic loss caused during disasters; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management along with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), the faith-based community, Raytheon Missile Systems, our public safety partners, and other local, tribal, private, and volunteer agencies, will engage in activities that encourage residents to take steps to make themselves and their families more resilient and better prepared for disasters and emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of September 2017 to be:

“PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

National Preparedness Month 2017 will focus on planning and encourages everyone to take actions to prepare, with an overarching theme: “Disasters Don’t Plan. You Can.” Citizens, businesses, schools and communities are able to help first responders in our community by training how to respond during an emergency and what to do when disaster strikes. Developing individualized plans and engaging in preparedness actions at home, work, business, school and place of worship makes us disaster ready and enhances whole community resilience in Pima County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2017.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors