

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Days is a time for everyone to celebrate the contributions young people make to their communities every day of the year through service and service-learning; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Days, a program of Youth Service America, is one of the largest service events in the world and is dedicated solely to engaging youths ages 5 to 25; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Global Youth Service Day is being observed for the 25th year in all 50 states, and for the 14th year globally – in more than 100 countries on six continents; and

WHEREAS, Pima County depends on youths as assets vital to its communities and benefits from their knowledge, idealism, skills, perspectives, ideas and creativity as the youths lead activities involving awareness, service, advocacy, and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, nearly one-third of the United States population – about 104 million residents – and nearly one-half of the global population is under the age of 25; and

WHEREAS, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act recognizes Global Youth Service Day as a national day of service and calls on U.S. citizens to participate; and

WHEREAS, Youth Service America and the Tucson Service Learning Group are mobilizing the residents of Pima County to serve their communities on Global Youth Service Days; and

WHEREAS, high-quality community-service and service-learning programs increase young people's academic engagement and achievement, improve their workforce readiness and 21st Century skills, refine their social, emotional and behavioral skills, and enhance their civic knowledge and engagement; and

WHEREAS, young people will improve their communities on Global Youth Service Days by addressing a myriad of critical issues, such as illiteracy, dropping out of high-school, childhood obesity, hunger, poverty, environmental degradation, public safety, and disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Days provides an opportunity for schools, community and faith-based organizations, government agencies, businesses, and families to engage youth as active citizens, community leaders, and problem solvers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim April 26, 2013 through April 28, 2013, to be:

“GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAYS”

in Pima County and urge all residents to make service to their communities a high priority and a regular practice.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2013.

Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board