

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 1, 2025

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Jennifer Allen
Pima County Supervisor for District 3 and Vice Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors
33 N. Stone Ave, 11th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: **Agenda/Addendum Item**

Dear Melissa,

Please place the following item on the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting of October 14th, 2025.

Proclamation to honor Humane Borders Inc. for 25 years of saving lives in Pima County.

Thank you.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Humane Borders is a Tucson-based nonprofit whose mission over the last 25 years is to prevent deaths from dehydration and exposure in the Sonoran Desert; and

WHEREAS, Humane Borders maintains a network of permitted water stations throughout the desert on both private and public lands, providing fresh, safe drinking water to all who travel these remote areas, whether they be migrants, hikers, or Border Patrol agents; and

WHEREAS, the organization's work addresses the tragic consequences of U.S. border enforcement policies that funnel migrants into harsh and dangerous desert terrain, where dehydration and exposure remain leading causes of death for migrants; and

WHEREAS, Humane Borders partners with the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office on the Arizona OpenGIS Initiative for Deceased Migrants, producing an interactive death map that documents where remains have been found, providing critical data for researchers, policymakers, and the public while also serving as the only memorial many of the deceased will ever have; and

WHEREAS, Humane Borders has engaged our community by hosting presentations, leading field visits, and collaborating with educators, artists, students, and journalists; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication of its volunteers and staff, Humane Borders exemplifies the highest ideals of humanitarian service, embodying kindness, dignity, and justice in the face of immense challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby celebrates:

“HUMANE BORDERS INC.”

for 25 years of providing water in the Sonoran Desert, being a trusted source of information about the Arizona/Mexico border, and modeling a world in which every life deserves compassion and respect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October 2025.

The Honorable Rex Scott, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors