



PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

September 11, 2013

TO:

Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

FROM:

Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor

REGARDING:

Item for the September 17, 2013 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the September 17, 2013 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Declaring the week of September 15 through 21 to be: "Diaper Need Awareness Week." (District 5)

Thank you



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the people of Pima County recognize that economic opportunity for individuals can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of Arizona's children under five years of age and 10 percent of Arizona's seniors live in poverty; and

WHEREAS, access to a reliable supply of clean diapers is a necessity for the health and welfare of infants and toddlers, their families, child and health-care providers, and for those disabled persons and seniors needing incontinence supplies; and

WHEREAS, the average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years, and 15 to 20 percent of adults over the age of 65 are incontinent; and

WHEREAS, food stamps (SNAP) and WIC vouchers cannot be used to buy diapers, so obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to needy families; and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in child-care programs and for disabled persons and seniors to live independently; and

WHEREAS, if infants and toddlers cannot participate in child-care programs and disabled persons and seniors cannot live independently, affected parents and guardians face barriers to full participation in the workforce, thereby adding to economic stress for many families; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is proud to be home to more than 40 community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers and incontinence supplies in helping provide economic stability for families, and that distribute them to low-income families, disabled persons, and seniors through various channels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of September 15, 2013, through September 21, 2013, to be:

"DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK"

in the county and encourages residents to donate generously to diaper drives, to the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, the nation's first diaper bank, and to other organizations that distribute diapers to families in need.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of September 2013.

	Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:	
Clerk of the Board	