



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: June 6, 2017

Title: Monsoon Safety Awareness Week Proclamation

Introduction/Background:

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As you know, Pima County frequently experiences thunderstorm generated wind, dust, electrical storms, and dangerous flash floods during the summer monsoon season. All of which pose a considerable threat to our community.

Discussion:

Each year during the month of June, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management works closely with the National Weather Service and prepares a proclamation to be presented at the Board of Supervisor's meeting proclaiming Monsoon Awareness Week in Pima County.

Conclusion:

This year, Monsoon Awareness Week falls during the week of June 11 through 17, 2017. Our office and other local partners such as National Weather Service, Pima County Regional Flood Control District, Pima County Sheriff's Department, Pima County DEQ, Pima Association of Governments, American Red Cross, Tucson Electric Power as well as local media partners and volunteer organizations; will work together to promote flood safety awareness.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the proclamation be approved for placement on the June 6, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no expense to the general fund for these activities.

Board of Supervisor District:

1 2 3 4 5 All

Department: Office of Emergency Management Telephone: 724-9300

Department Director Signature/Date: [Signature] 5-16-17

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: [Signature] 5-18-17

County Administrator Signature/Date: [Signature] 5-19-2017

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service monitors severe weather and provides warnings to people in Pima County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service works in close cooperation with the local media outlets to provide critical weather information as quickly as possible to protect lives and property from the hazards of severe weather; and

WHEREAS, due to its location and geography, Pima County frequently experiences thunderstorm-generated wind, dust, electrical storms and dangerous flash floods during the summer Monsoon, all of which pose a considerable threat to the community; and

WHEREAS, public safety during the Monsoon begins with teamwork between community partners and emergency responder agencies uniting to advance the message of “Turn Around, Don’t Drown” to save lives and to promote flood safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service, in conjunction with the Pima County Office of Emergency Management, Pima County Regional Flood Control District, Pima County Sheriff’s Department, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, Pima Association of Governments, American Red Cross, Tucson Electric Power as well as local media partners, volunteer organizations and other federal, state, local and tribal agencies is better able to inform the community of what to do when severe weather associated with the Monsoon strikes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaims the week of June 11 through June 17, 2017 to be:

“MONSOON SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK”

in Pima County, and encourages all citizens to acquaint themselves with severe weather safety information and to use these life-saving recommendations to protect themselves and their families from the hazards that accompany the Monsoon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of June 2017.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors