

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	February 26 th 2020
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- **TO:** Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
- FROM: Ramón Valadez, County Supervisor, District 2

SUBJECT: Agenda Item

Please add the following item on the March 3rd, 2020 Addendum:

Proclamation declaring March 16 through 20, 2020 to be

"WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC WEEK"

Proclamation to be presented to:

World Baseball Classic Representative

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the World Baseball Classic is sanctioned by the World Baseball Softball Confederation in partnership with Major League Baseball as the sport's official National Team World Championship; and

WHEREAS, the quadrennial World Baseball Classic, going on its fifth iteration, helps promote the sport by highlighting worldwide baseball talent and allowing professional players from major leagues around the world to compete for their countries; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the World Baseball Classic selected Kino Sports Complex as the host destination for the Qualifying Rounds of its 2021 tournament; and

WHEREAS, the World Baseball Classic has invited the countries of Brazil, France, Germany, Nicaragua, Pakistan, the Republic of South Africa, the Czech Republic, Great Britain, New Zealand, Panama, the Philippines and Spain to Pima County where they will compete for four remaining spots to advance to the 2021 World Baseball Classic; and

WHEREAS, the World Baseball Classic Qualifiers at Kino Sports Complex will promote the County throughout the United States and abroad, bringing more visitors to the region; and

WHEREAS, the World Baseball Classic will give Pima County's aspiring youth and amateur baseball players the opportunity to experience world-class baseball locally and motivate them to continue pursuing their dreams of becoming professional athletes; and

WHEREAS, the World Baseball Classic Qualifiers will kick off March 13 at Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium, with two games being played nearly every day through March 25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of March 16 through 20, 2020, to be:

"WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC WEEK"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March 2020.

The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: