

# MEMORANDUM

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

Date: May 16, 2024

Re: Agenda Item for 6/4/24 Meeting

From: Rex Scott  
District 1 Supervisor  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

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We request this item be moved from the May 21<sup>st</sup> Addendum, to please be added to the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors Meeting June 4, 2024.

PROCLAMATIONS

NATIONAL SAFE DAY IN PIMA COUNTY

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, every day more than 120 Americans are killed, more than 200 are wounded in gun violence, 6 out of every 10 gun deaths are suicides, and on average there are more than 43,000 gun deaths per year; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in every 3 households in America owns a firearm and estimated over 4.6 million children live in a household with at least one firearm that is loaded and unlocked; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona has more than 1,200 gun deaths every year and our state has the 18th highest rate of gun deaths in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 there were 569 firearm-related hospitalizations in Pima County, of which 58 were individuals 19 and younger; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 there were 226 firearm-related deaths in Pima County, of which 18 were individuals 19 and younger; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety is the Board of Supervisors' highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention and secure firearm storage is more important than ever amid increased gun sales; a rise in calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines; and growth in city gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, Brooklynn Mae Mohler was a 13-year-old girl who was a victim of a preventable shooting. She was shot and killed at her best friend's house when her friend picked up and played with a gun that was left loaded and with no safety in a kitchen cabinet. National SAFE Day was first honored by the Brooklynn Mae Mohler Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, this day stands to encourage responsible firearm ownership and emphasizes the importance of secure storage practices to prevent accidents and harm, and commemorates the many children who tragically lost their lives due to unsafe firearm storage; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by being SAFE - firearms should be Secured in the home; everyone should Ask the question about unsecured firearms in homes visited, Frequently talk about the dangers of firearms, and Educate and Empower others to be SAFE.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Tuesday, June 4, 2024, to be:

**"NATIONAL SAFE DAY IN PIMA COUNTY"**

and encourages all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of unsafe firearm storage and to honor and value human lives.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of June 2024.

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The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors