



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2024

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

From: Dr. Sylvia M. Lee
District 3 Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Agenda Item for the Board of Supervisors Meeting on March 19, 2024

Please place the following items on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 19, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation stating that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 1-7, 2024 as Food Waste Prevention Week in Pima County.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year approximately one-third of all the food grown and produced in the U.S. goes uneaten, wasting all the resources (water, land, energy and human resources) that went into growing, packaging and transporting it. At the same time, 1 in 5 people in this country lack consistent access to nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, food is the largest single component of the material in landfills. Once in the landfill, it decomposes and releases into the atmosphere dangerous greenhouse gases, including methane, that damage our environment; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a family of four spends up to \$1,500 annually on uneaten food; and

WHEREAS, Food Waste Prevention Week was launched in 2021 with the goal of highlighting the impact of food waste to our environment while also addressing the issue of hunger in our communities. The initiative has the support of organizations across the country including ReFed, the World Wildlife Fund, the Natural Resource Defense Council, the Food Recovery Network and locally, Sustainable Tucson; and

WHEREAS, anyone can participate in Food Waste Prevention Week. Reducing food waste is among the top actions individuals can take to reduce greenhouse gases. By following some simple steps to reduce food waste in their homes, everyone can help the environment, save money on food and support people in their communities who are in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of April 1 through April 7, 2024, to be:

“FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2024.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors