



MEMORANDUM

June 12, 2025

To: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

From: Andrés Cano
District 5 Supervisor

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RE: Proclamation for the June 17, 2025, Agenda Addendum

Please add the following to the June 17 Agenda Addendum:

Proclamation

Proclaiming Tuesday, June 17, 2025 to be: "Yo Si Puedo/UCPSA Augmentative Alternative Communication Day." (District 5)

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, communication is a human right and Augmentative Alternative Communication includes gestures, icons, pictures, sign language and voice output speech generating devices to enhance the communication abilities of those with limitations; and

WHEREAS, children, teens and adults with Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, severe Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental disorders often experience profound difficulties in communicating with others; and

WHEREAS, ¡Yo Sí Puedo! Augmentative Alternative Communication Program is in its 28th year of serving youngsters with severe communication disorders and their bilingual and/or bicultural families; and

WHEREAS, participants use different modes of communication to make choices for arts and crafts, cooking activities, interacting with therapy dogs, dialogue practice and community outings; and

WHEREAS, ¡Yo Sí Puedo! is staffed by dedicated therapists, teachers, paraprofessionals, volunteers and peer mentors, funded by United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Arizona, and hosted by Sunnyside Unified School District at Mission Manor Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, parents and siblings are encouraged to participate in the program, which has grown from 10 participants in its first year to nearly 50 each year since.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Tuesday, June 17, 2025, to be:

"YO SÍ PUEDO/UCPSA AUGMENTATIVE ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION DAY"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of June 2025.

The Honorable Rex Scott, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors