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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 18, 2013  
**TO:** Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board  
**FROM:** Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor   
**REGARDING:** Item for the January 7, 2014 agenda

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Please add the following to the January 7, 2014 agenda:

### Board of Supervisors

Resolution in support of a memorial in honor of those killed and injured at the January 8, 2011 "Congress on Your Corner" Event. (District 5)

Thank you

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN  
SUPPORT OF A MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF THOSE KILLED AND INJURED  
AT THE JANUARY 8, 2011 “CONGRESS ON YOUR CORNER” EVENT**

WHEREAS, the tragedy of January 8, 2011 at a “Congress on Your Corner” event resulted in the deaths of six – Christina-Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, U.S. District Court Judge John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard and Gabe Zimmerman – and injuries to 13 others – then Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, current Congressman Ron Barber, Bill Badger, Kenneth Dorushka, James Eric Fuller, Randy Gardner, Susan Hileman, George Morris, Mary Reed, Pam Simon, Mavanell Stoddard, Jim Tucker and Kenneth Veeder; and

WHEREAS, the loss rocked our community and inflicted terrible suffering on the victims’ loved ones, the shooting’s survivors, and innocent bystanders, and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of this horrible tragedy, Pima County residents organized impromptu vigils, memorials and events to remember and celebrate the lives of the victims, who were valuable contributors to our community’s welfare, and

WHEREAS, our democratic right to participate in our own governance and our ability to have our elected representatives be accessible to us and willing to listen to our concerns cannot be taken from us by violence or intimidation, and

WHEREAS, these bedrock principles of freedom of speech and right to assemble peaceably deserve to be recognized with a suitable memorial and that led concerned community members to create the January 8 Memorial Foundation, and

WHEREAS, the January 8 Memorial Foundation seeks to commemorate those killed and wounded and to honor the spirit of Tucsonans who embraced unity, humanity and hope, even in the face of the collective suffering and heartbreak, and

WHEREAS, the heart of local government surrounds El Presidio Park downtown, which serves as a gateway where the public can access government services at the city, county, state and federal levels, and

WHEREAS, El Presidio Park already serves as a regional civic and cultural center and community gathering place, and

WHEREAS, Pima County is the administrative and legal hub of the region and its historic and beautiful courthouse flanks El Presidio Park, and the City of Tucson is the largest municipal jurisdiction in the region, the county seat, and operates and maintains El Presidio Park,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors supports the January 8 Memorial Foundation's efforts to create a space in El Presidio Park and a portion of the ground floor of the Historic Pima County Courthouse for a memorial that will serve as a place for shared memories, will honor those lost and injured, and will keep alive the spirit that drew the community together after the tragedy of January 8, 2011 with compassion, strength and kindness, and directs County staff to work with the January 8 Memorial Foundation to realize this very worthy goal.

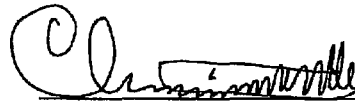
PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County this Seventh day of January, 2014.

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Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Clerk of the Board



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Deputy County Attorney  
**CHRISTOPHER STRAUB**