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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 22, 2014
TO: Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board
FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor 
REGARDING: Item for the January 20, 2015 agenda

Please add the following to the January 20, 2015 agenda:

Proclamation

Declaring that January 29, 2015 will be celebrated as "Ted Walker Youth Day" to salute 25 years of this successful annual event that thousands of local youths have enjoyed and used to learn about Southwestern history, and to salute the impressive legacy of Ted Walker. (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this January is the 25th anniversary of Ted Walker Youth Day, an educational event sponsored by Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, Old Tucson Studios, Dan Felix Memorial Fund, and Pima County-Parkland Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this event has served more than 80,000 area students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades over its lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Ted Walker, a longtime businessman, philanthropist and Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission member, founded Youth Day in 1988 to give local school children an opportunity to experience a bit of the Southwestern history and culture he loved; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was instrumental in the County's expansion and development of its park system between 1953 and the 1980s, creating new parks and expanding others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker promoted and advanced the now established concept of joint-use parks in which schools and County parks share outdoor recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Mr. Walker was broad as he also helped found in 1947 what is now the Tucson Square & Compass Children's Clinic for children with disabilities and severe chronic illnesses (operated today by Tucson Medical Center and University of Arizona Medical Center); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker's contributions to Pima County parks were so great that the Board of Supervisors renamed Ina Road Park in his honor in 1979, and Youth Day was named for him after his death at age 85 in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the future of Ted Walker Youth Day is bright as 3,200 youths are expected to participate in this year's event at Old Tucson Studios;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Thursday, January 29, 2015, to be celebrated as:

"TED WALKER YOUTH DAY"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of January 2015.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors