



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: May 18, 2021

Title: Monsoon Safety Awareness Proclamation

Introduction/Background:

Pima County repeatedly experiences thunderstorm generated wind, dust, electrical storms, and dangerous flash floods during the summer monsoon, all of which pose a significant threat to our community.

Discussion:

Each year during the month of June, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management works closely with the National Weather Service and prepares a proclamation to be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting announcing Monsoon Awareness Week in Pima County.

Conclusion:

This year Monsoon Awareness Week falls during the week of June 13 through June 19, 2021. Our office and other local partners such as the National Weather Service, Pima County Regional Flood Control District, Pima County Sheriff's Department, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, Municipal and Tribal Partners, American Red Cross, and Tucson Electric Power as well as local media partners and volunteer organizations will work together to promote flood safety awareness.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Monsoon Safety Awareness Proclamation be approved for presentation on the May 18, 2021 Board of Supervisors agenda.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no expense to the General Fund for this activity.

Board of Supervisor District:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service monitors severe weather and provides warnings to people within Pima County 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service works in close cooperation with the local media outlets to provide critical weather information as quickly as possible to protect lives and property from the hazards of severe weather; and

WHEREAS, due to its location and geography, Pima County frequently experiences thunderstorm-generated wind, dust, electrical storms and dangerous flash floods during the summer Monsoon, all of which pose a considerable threat to the community; and

WHEREAS, public safety during the Monsoon begins with teamwork between community partners and emergency responder agencies, who unite to promote flood safety awareness and advance the life-saving message of “Turn Around, Don’t Drown;” and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service works in conjunction with the Pima County Office of Emergency Management, Pima County Regional Flood Control District, Pima County Sheriff’s Department, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, Municipal and Tribal Jurisdictional Partners, American Red Cross and Tucson Electric Power, as well as local media partners, volunteer organizations and other federal and state agencies to inform the community about what to do when severe weather strikes during the Monsoon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of June 13 through June 19, 2021, to be:

“MONSOON SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK”

and encourages all citizens to acquaint themselves with severe weather safety information and to use these life-saving recommendations to protect themselves and their families from the hazards that accompany the summer Monsoon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of May 2021.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors