

MEMORANDUM

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

Date: May 28, 2025

Re: Agenda Item for June 3, 2025 Meeting

From: Rex Scott
District 1 Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Please place the following item on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting June 3, 2025.

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY in Pima County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day, 125 people in the United States are killed by gun violence and more than 260 are shot and wounded, with an average of more than 19,000 gun homicides every year; and people in the U.S. are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has 1,344-gun deaths every year, with a rate of 17.7 deaths per 100,000 people, the 17th-highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S. — a crisis that costs the state \$15.9 billion each year, of which \$253.2 million is paid by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from those who are a danger to themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 6, 2025, to recognize the 28th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the U.S. will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence and their loved ones;

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Friday, June 6, 2025, to be:

“NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY IN PIMA COUNTY”

and encourages all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of June 2025.

The Honorable Rex Scott, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors