



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 05/01/2018

Title: May 7, 2018 - Law Day in Pima County

Introduction/Background:

In 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1st as Law Day (subsequently codified in U.S. Code, Title 36, Section 113), a day set aside to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. Superior Court would like to request that the Board of Supervisors also formally recognize the commitment to the rule of law by proclaiming May 7, 2018 "Law Day" in Pima County.

Discussion:

Superior Court, in conjunction with the Pima County Bar Association, celebrates Law Day by hosting an educational event for area high school students to learn about the theme and to observe law in motion. This year's Law Day theme "Separation of Powers; Framework for Freedom" encourages us to reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose and to consider how our governmental system works for ourselves and our posterity.

Conclusion:

The formal recognition of Law Day by the Board of Supervisors will enhance the visibility of this important day and support this unique educational opportunity for the youth of Pima County.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors declare May 7, 2018 as "Law Day" in Pima County.

Fiscal Impact:

Board of Supervisor District:

1 2 3 4 5 All

Department: Superior Court Administration Telephone: 724-4264

Department Director Signature/Date: Cassandra R. Urrutia 3/13/18

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: _____

County Administrator Signature/Date: C. J. D. [Signature] 3/13/18

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American justice system is charged with upholding the rule of law and ensuring that every citizen's fundamental, constitutionally-guaranteed individual rights are protected; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May First "Law Day" – a national day to recognize and celebrate the guaranteed fundamental rights of individuals under law; and

WHEREAS, the Law Day 2018 theme, "*Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom*" celebrates the doctrines established by the U.S. Constitution of a distinct separation of powers, as well as a system of checks and balances that provide for our society's structure of democracy, freedom and liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Monday, May 7, 2018 to be:

"LAW DAY"

and during this event, all citizens are urged to join with the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County in expressing gratitude for the protections afforded by the United States Constitution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of May 2018.

The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors