



# MEMORANDUM

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Date: February 6, 2024

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

From: Dr. Sylvia M. Lee *SML*  
District 3, Supervisor  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Agenda Item for February 20, 2024

Please place the following item on the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 20, 2024.

## **New Business**

Proclamation stating that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 4, 2024, to be "HPV Awareness Day."

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, human-papillomavirus (“HPV”) is a common virus that nearly everyone contracts at some point in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, HPV leads to six types of cancer and is recognized as the main cause of most cases of cervical cancer in women, and oropharyngeal being the leading HPV cancer in men; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States (“U.S.”) Cancers Statistics Working Group, between 2015 and 2019, more than 37,000 cancers each year are caused by HPV and 90% could have been prevented by HPV vaccination; and

**WHEREAS**, a safe, highly effective, and long-lasting vaccination against HPV has been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control in the U.S. since 2006 for all people ages 9 to 26 and some people ages 27 to 45 which protects against almost all cases of cervical cancer and 90% of all HPV cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, new research reports that almost one in three men over the age of 15 are infected with at least one genital HPV type, and one in five are infected with one or more of the cancer-linked varieties, with prevalence highest between the ages of 25 and 29, these findings underline the importance of including men in HPV prevention and eradication strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, 62% of adolescents between the ages of 13 to 17 were up-to-date with HPV vaccination in 2021, which is lower than the U.S. *Healthy People 2020* goal and with significant disparities by geographic regions and among some populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of structural racism has led to many inequities for Native Americans, including cancer rates, and this group has higher rates of cancer than the rest of the population; and

**WHEREAS**, fewer Pima County children than the U.S. average have completed the full two-dose series that is typically recommended at 11 years: 58% of girls and about 50% of boys.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Monday, March 4, 2024 to be:

## “HPV AWARENESS DAY”

and shall inspire and empower those affected by HPV cancers by educating and motivating them to use their voices to promote HPV vaccination for cancer prevention, creating awareness to end stigma, influence decision, and change to support prevention and treatment, and end HPV cancers.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 20th day of February 2024.

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The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors