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# M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 4, 2013

TO: Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor

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REGARDING: Item for the April 16, 2013 agenda addendum

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Please add the following to the April 16, 2013 agenda addendum:

### **Board of Supervisors**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_** A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE CONFERENCE ON THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF A CHANGING CLIMATE IN THE SOUTHWEST (District 5)

Thank you

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE CONFERENCE ON  
THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF A CHANGING CLIMATE IN THE SOUTHWEST**

WHEREAS, the impacts of our hotter and drier climate on public health are likely to be a growing economic, social and political problem in our desert environment, and

WHEREAS, the negative impacts of the changing environment on public health can be mitigated and minimized if community public-health systems are prepared to deal with them in an effective manner, and

WHEREAS, residents of Pima County, a desert region, are impacted in particular by rising temperatures that can lead to stroke and dehydration, the most common causes of weather-related deaths here, and

WHEREAS, a warmer climate can exacerbate some forms of air pollution, which particularly affects people who have respiratory deficiencies, including children and adults with asthma and chronic lung diseases, and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to improve scientific understanding of the relationship between extreme climate and public health, and

WHEREAS, Physicians for Social Responsibility, a national non-profit organization with local affiliates, works to address public health concerns in the face of changing climate patterns nationally and in areas where it has affiliates, and

WHEREAS, Physicians for Social Responsibility-Arizona Chapter is leading an effort to organize a community-wide conference in Tucson on September 21, 2013, to focus on the health impacts of evolving extreme weather patterns in the Southwest, and

WHEREAS, scientists, public-health experts, community leaders, and members of the general public will attend this Climate Smart Southwest Conference and address resiliency building approaches to this critical issue, and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors has a responsibility to protect and enhance the health and well-being of the county's residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors thanks Physicians for Social Responsibility for its foresight and activism on

this looming public-health issue and encourages all Pima County residents to participate in the Climate Smart Southwest Conference on September 21, 2013.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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Deputy County Attorney  
**CHRISTOPHER STRAUB**