



# PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 12, 2018

**TO:** Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Richard Elías, Chairman, District Five Supervisor  
Sharon Bronson, District Three Supervisor

**REGARDING:** Item for the April 17, 2018 agenda addendum

*KBronson, for*  
*SB*

Please add the following to the April 17, 2018 agenda addendum:

### Resolution

A Resolution in Opposition to the Deployment of National Guard Troops to the United States Border with Mexico. (Districts 5 and 3)

Thank you

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

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS TO THE UNITED STATES BORDER WITH MEXICO**

WHEREAS, the number of undocumented migrants that the U.S. Border Patrol apprehended at the nation's border with Mexico were at a 46-year low for the year ending September 30, 2017, and remain at low levels, and

WHEREAS, while the proposed deployment of National Guard troops is supposed to help stem the flow of drugs across the border, domestic prescription medications fuel the opioid crises and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says most imported drugs enter the country via ocean-going vessels or airplanes, and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump says troops should remain until the border wall he wants, which Congress has not fully funded, is built, creating the appearance that the deployment is politically motivated, and

WHEREAS, the presence of military troops would further militarize the borderlands that already bristle with an unprecedented 21,000 Border Patrol agents and their military-style equipment, and

WHEREAS, the deployment of up to 4,000 military troops will further disrupt the lives of the 15 million people living in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands and impede the free-flow of agricultural and manufactured goods in both directions across the border, and

WHEREAS, when President George W. Bush in 2006 sent 6,000 National Guard troops to the border for more than two years at a cost of \$1.2 billion and President Barack Obama in 2010 sent 1,200 National Guard troops to the border for 14 months at a cost of \$110 million, there were more border-crossing apprehensions and fewer Border Patrol agents, but in both cases border conditions were not improved, and

WHEREAS, use of the National Guard on domestic soil should be a rare occurrence, typically in a "state of emergency," and

WHEREAS, military personnel cannot enforce civil U.S. immigration laws, and

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes define "state of emergency" for the Governor's deployment of the Arizona National Guard to be "conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons or property within the state caused by air pollution, fire, flood or floodwater, storm, epidemic, riot, earthquake, or other causes," and

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes define "state of war emergency" for the Governor's deployment of Arizona National Guard troops to be "conditions which exist immediately whenever this nation is attacked or upon receipt by this state of a warning from the federal government indicating that such an attack is imminent," and

WHEREAS, the “emergency” conditions described in Arizona Revised Statutes for the use of Arizona National Guard troops do not exist, and their deployment will result in unnecessary costs and the disruption of borderlands residents’ lives, for no foreseeable benefit,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the deployment of National Guard troops to the Mexican borderlands region.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Richard Elías, Chairman  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
 4/12/18  
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Andrew Flagg, Deputy County Attorney