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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 4, 2020

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

**FROM:** Richard Elías, Chairman and District Five Supervisor *K. Bagwell, for*

**REGARDING:** Item for the March 17, 2020 agenda

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Please add the following to the March 17, 2020 agenda:

### Proclamation

Proclaiming April 2020 to be "Child Abuse Prevention Month in Pima County."

Thank you

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, an average of nearly five children a day in the United States die as a result of child abuse or neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County agents investigate more than 8,000 cases of alleged child abuse and neglect each year; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts at the federal level to address and raise awareness of child abuse began with passage of the 1974 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act that has been amended and updated several times; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1983, April has been designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2004, the federal Office on Child Abuse and Neglect has focused its prevention resources on strengthening families and promoting parenting skills, and on building community support for these efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, community awareness of the extent of the problem, community support for prevention efforts, and community support of child abuse victims and their families are necessary for success in stemming child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, each April, the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center and others involved in the movement to advocate for abused children ask the community to join them in outreach efforts to reduce and prevent child abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April 2020 to be:

**“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN PIMA COUNTY”**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17th day of March 2020.

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The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors