



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

**= Mandatory, information must be provided*

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***Title:**

Preparedness Month Proclamation

***Introduction/Background:**

Each year the month of September is designated as National Preparedness Month in which there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to inspire and remind citizens to plan and prepare for natural disasters and other emergencies in their homes, schools, businesses and communities.

***Discussion:**

The Pima County Office of Emergency Management requests the Board of Supervisors proclaims September as "Preparedness Month" in Pima County in support of the national efforts.

***Conclusion:**

The Office of Emergency Management along with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), the faith-based community, our public safety partners, and other local, tribal, private and volunteer agencies will engage in activities to educate the public about the importance of being prepared for a disaster or emergency.

***Recommendation:**

Approval of the Preparedness Proclamation will encourage citizens, businesses, and schools in our community a greater understanding of the importance of taking proactive steps and planning for natural disasters and potential emergencies and observe this month with preparedness activities, events and training, thus ensuring our County stands ready to respond to any disaster or emergency.

***Fiscal Impact:**

No fiscal impact

***Board of Supervisor District:**

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September has been designated as National Preparedness Month to encourage all Americans to be prepared for emergencies in their communities; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month incorporates a nationwide, coordinated effort sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to inspire and remind citizens to plan and prepare for natural disasters or other emergencies in their homes, schools, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Pima County and everyone should make it a priority to learn about risk factors and protect themselves against possible injuries, property damage and economic losses that often result from disasters; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management along with Community Organizations Active in Disasters, the faith-based community, our public safety partners and other local, tribal, private and volunteer agencies will engage in activities to educate the public about the importance of being prepared.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaims the month of September 2023 to be:

“PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

and shares that the theme of National Preparedness Month 2023 is “Preparing older adults for disaster, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events, which continue to threaten the nation.” The board encourages all county residents to take proactive steps to plan for any situation, including signing up for [MyAlerts.pima.gov](https://myalerts.pima.gov) and confirming that insurance policies cover hazards such as intense storms, flooding and wildfires. Additionally, it is recommended people learn CPR, first aid and other life-saving skills and take useful safety steps like shutting off utilities. Promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. It is crucial to prepare in advance to ensure Pima County is resilient and ready for disasters.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors