

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MEMORANDUM

TO:	Robin Brigode Clerk of the Board
FROM:	Ray Carroll District 4 Supervisor
SUBJECT:	Agenda Item
DATE:	August 16, 2013

Please place the following item on the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting of September 17, 2013:

Proclamation

Presentation of proclamation to Casey Townsend, Founder of Tucson AquaPonics Project, proclaiming September 21, 2013 to be: "AQUAPONICS DAY"

Thank you.

RC:jw

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, historically, Pima County's economy has a strong agricultural component; and

WHEREAS, Pima County, as a desert environment, recognizes the issue of scarce water resources; and

WHEREAS, Pima County supports movements to grow food locally and promote sustainable living; and

WHEREAS, aquaponics systems are scalable systems that can range from table-top size to commercial size, thus able to both feed and employ people; and

WHEREAS, aquaponics systems commonly use 70% less water than soil-based agriculture and one-tenth of the total energy than conventional farming; and

WHEREAS, aquaponics can grow up to four times more vegetables that are nutrient dense and free of pesticides and herbicides; and

WHEREAS, aquaponics can help to promote a sustainable future for the citizens of Pima County; and

WHEREAS, locally grown and sustainable agriculture is an economically sound goal for Pima County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim September 21, 2013, to be:

"AQUAPONICS DAY"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of September, 2013.

Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board