

# MEMORANDUM

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Date: August 26, 2024

Re: Addendum Item for 9/3/24 Meeting

From: Rex Scott  
District 1 Supervisor  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

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Please place the following item on the Addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting September 3, 2024.

Proclamation for National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, more than 49,400 Americans died by suicide with an estimated 1.6 million suicide attempts according to the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Data & Statistics Fatal Injury Report; and

**WHEREAS**, during the last two decades, youth suicide has reached its highest rate in more than 20 years, with suicide rates for Americans ages 10 to 24 rising 62% from 2007 through 2021, according to the CDC; and

**WHEREAS**, firearms account for more than half of all suicide deaths nationwide, prompting a public health crisis around gun violence in this country; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many organizations, including Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Students Demand Action, and NAMI Southern Arizona, dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope through research, education, policies, advocacy, and resources for those who have lost someone to suicide, who struggle with suicidal ideation, or have otherwise been affected by suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline can play a helpful role in suicide prevention and mental health support by offering immediate confidential assistance 24/7 to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress with a simple, three-digit number for people to call, text, or chat online; and

**WHEREAS**, our county offers the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and has a walk-in Crisis Response Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide Awareness Month is a time to raise awareness on this stigmatized topic, shift public perception, and spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of September 2024 to be:

## **“NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH”**

and encourages Pima County residents to learn what role we each play to help prevent this crisis in our community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3rd day of September 2024.

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

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors