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MEMORANDUM

To: Robin Brigode

Date: February 3, 2015

Re: Proclamation for Feb. 17th

From: Ally Miller, District 1, Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

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Please place the following item on the **February 17, 2015** Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda:

Presentation of a Proclamation to Declare Pima County a Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Zone

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PROCLAMATION

To Declare Pima County a Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Zone

WHEREAS, we recognize that Human Trafficking is a growing problem in Pima County and that it is a crime which violates human rights and personal freedoms on the victims who are preyed upon; and

WHEREAS, Pima County recognizes that Human Trafficking is a borderless crime that targets endangered, marginalized, at-risk children, women and men and recruits or obtains through force or coercion for purposes of sexual exploitation, involuntary servitude and other types of enslavement; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is present-day slavery and a clear violation of the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution with traffickers taking away basic human rights upon which our Country was founded; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona and the Federal Government have laws that prosecute Human Traffickers, we acknowledge that enforcement, prevention and assistance to survivors is best when the public has broad awareness of the Human Trafficking issue in Pima County and Nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is committed to protecting individual freedoms and human rights by declaring a zero tolerance zone for Human Trafficking and collaboratively working with local and federal law enforcement agencies and non-profit organizations in support of eradicating Human Trafficking and helping victims to recover from this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Sheriff and Pima County Attorney on behalf of Pima County have taken a leadership role in educating law enforcement officers and the general community about the evils and prevalence of Human Trafficking, including both Sex Trafficking and Labor Trafficking, and have been leaders in the Southern Arizona Human Trafficking Working Group; and

WHEREAS, Pima County opposes all forms of Human Trafficking and encourages support for those who have survived so that Human Trafficking victims can have their freedoms and dignity restored, and to put an end to Human Trafficking activity in Pima County, the State of Arizona and across the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors designates Pima County as a Zero Tolerance Human Trafficking Zone and will ensure the Sheriff and County Attorney continue to have sufficient resources to interdict and prosecute any individuals who are involved in criminal activity of Human Trafficking and applauds the efforts of other organizations and individuals and governing bodies who raise awareness of and work to actively put an end to Human Trafficking.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February 2015.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors