



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 5/6/2025

*\*= Mandatory, information must be provided*

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**\*Title:**

National Wildfire Awareness Proclamation

**\*Introduction/Background:**

Each year, May is designated as National Wildfire Awareness Month dedicated to raising awareness about wildfire prevention and preparedness across the United States. Wildfires have a significant impact on Pima County's environmental, economic and social well-being, endangering natural resources, local businesses, and community safety.

**\*Discussion:**

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

**\*Conclusion:**

Protecting Pima County from the devastating impacts of wildfires requires a collaborative effort from the entire community. Residents play a vital role in wildfire preparedness by managing vegetation, maintaining fire-resistant structures, and developing evacuation plans while staying informed about wildfire prevention and safety measures. Through education, preparedness, and proactive action, we can strengthen our resilience, creating a fire-resistant community that safeguards our families, homes, and natural surroundings.

**\*Recommendation:**

It is recommended the Wildfire Awareness Proclamation be approved for presentation on the May 6, 2025 Board of Supervisor agenda.

**\*Fiscal Impact:**

There is no expense to the General Fund for this activity.

**\*Board of Supervisor District:**

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# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, May is National Wildfire Awareness Month, dedicated to increasing prevention and preparedness for wildfires throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, wildfire significantly impacts Pima County's environmental, economic and social well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2024 data from the National Interagency Fire Center, humans caused 89% of the fires in the United States in 2024, resulting in over 4.6 million acres burned; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024 there were 2,191 fires in Arizona, resulting in 282,989 acres burned; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County needs the community's help, which they can provide by taking steps to protect themselves and their property; and

**WHEREAS**, residents must prepare to survive wildfire by ensuring proper management of vegetation surrounding the home and appropriate home construction and maintenance to resist ignition; and

**WHEREAS**, residents can save precious time in an evacuation by preparing a go bag and family evacuation plan ahead of time; and

**WHEREAS**, educating oneself about wildfire prevention, safety measures and emergency response procedures is crucial in fostering a resilient and fire-adapted community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of May 2025 to be:

## **“WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH”**

the Board encourages all County residents to take proactive steps to plan for any situation, including signing up for MyAlerts.pima.gov, Pima County's Emergency Messaging System. Additionally, it is recommended that people take advantage of wildfire risk reduction programs on their property. 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 disaster-ready.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of May 2025.

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The Honorable Rex Scott, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors