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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2015
TO: Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board
FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor *Handwritten signature: Richard Elías*
REGARDING: Item for the September 15, 2015 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the September 15, 2015 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Designating the week of September 27 through October 3, 2015 as "Diaper Need Awareness Week" in Pima County. (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, access to a reliable supply of clean diapers is a necessity for the health and welfare of infants and toddlers, their families, child and health care providers, and for those disabled persons and seniors needing incontinence supplies; and

WHEREAS, the average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years, and 15 to 20 percent of adults over the age of 65 are incontinent; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of Arizona's children under five years of age and 10 percent of Arizona's seniors live in poverty; and

WHEREAS, food stamps (SNAP) and WIC vouchers cannot be used to buy diapers, so obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to needy families; and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and for disabled persons and seniors to live independently; and

WHEREAS, if infants and toddlers cannot participate in childcare programs and disabled persons and seniors cannot live independently, affected parents and guardians face barriers to full participation in the workforce, thereby adding to economic stress for many families; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is proud to be home of the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, the nation's first diaper bank, and more than 40 other community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers and incontinence supplies to help provide economic stability for families, and which distribute them to low-income families, disabled persons, and seniors through various channels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of September 27 through October 3, 2015, to be:

“DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK”

in the County and encourages residents to donate generously to diaper drives, to the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, and to other organizations that distribute diapers to families in need.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2015.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors