

## Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

# M E M O R A N D U M

DATE:

March 19, 2024

TO:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM:

Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair and District Five Supervisor

**REGARDING:** Item for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda

Please add the following to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda:

### **Proclamation**

Designating the month of April 2024 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pima County and April 2, 2024, as "Wear Teal Day" (District 5)

Thank you

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, sexual assault occurs in epidemic proportions across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 81% of women and 43% of men reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment and/or assault in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual violence disproportionately impacts immigrant populations, people of color, people with disabilities and members of the LGBTQ+ community, nearly half of whom report being sexually assaulted; and

**WHEREAS**, April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and is signified by wearing the color teal to support survivors and to remind the community that we must work together to promote education, awareness, and accountability for sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault, Pima County and the Pima County Attorney's Office, University of Arizona, EMERGE, Southern Arizona Aids Foundation, the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, The Pima County Sherriff's Department, Tucson Police Department and other community partners are committed to a comprehensive response to end sexual violence in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is "Building Connected Communities" urging the creation of strong, connected communities that take care of one another. Communities that make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of all members are critical to ending sexual violence worldwide.

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

## "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

and the day of Tuesday, April 2, 2024, to be:

### "WEAR TEAL DAY"

in our community and encourages all residents to wear an article of teal clothing or a teal ribbon to raise awareness of sexual assault, to stand in solidarity with sexual assault victims, and to support the end of the epidemic of sexual violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2024.

The Honorable Adelita S. Grij Pima County Board of Superv	•
ATTEST:	
Melissa Manriquez, Clerk Pima County Board of Superv	/ieore