



MEMORANDUM

October 16, 2025

To: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

From: Andrés Cano
District 5 Supervisor *AC*

RE: Item for the October 21, 2025

Please add the following to the October 21st agenda: Proclamation:

National Latinx HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Pima County (District 5)

Thank you.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, HIV continues to affect the lives of millions in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, National Latinx HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NLHAAD) is an opportunity to raise awareness about HIV in Latinx communities, encourage testing, promote access to care and treatment, confront stigma, and advocate for equitable health policies; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latinx people represent a significant share of new HIV diagnoses and face additional challenges related to language, immigration status, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis, linkage to care, consistent treatment, and viral suppression are proven to improve health outcomes and prevent onward transmission; and

WHEREAS, community organizations, public health agencies, clinics, advocacy groups, faith-based institutions, and volunteers work every day to provide culturally appropriate HIV prevention, testing, education, treatment, and support services to Latinx residents; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is committed to ensuring all residents regardless of background, language, immigration status, or ability have equitable pathways to care and wellness; and

WHEREAS, all residents are urged to:

1. Increase understanding of HIV risk, prevention, testing, and treatment in Latinx communities,
2. Promote and support free, accessible and linguistically/culturally relevant HIV testing and services,
3. Encourage and facilitate linkage to care and retention in treatment, helping individuals achieve viral suppression,
4. Address and dismantle systemic barriers that deter individuals from seeking care,
5. Strengthen partnerships with community-based organizations, faith groups, schools, and local media to raise awareness and education, and
6. Support public policies and funding that ensure equitable access to HIV prevention, care, and support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Friday, October 24, 2025 to be:

“NATIONAL LATINX HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY IN PIMA COUNTY”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October 2025.

The Honorable Rex Scott, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors