



# MEMORANDUM

Date: May 30, 2023

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Sharon Bronson *Sharon Bronson*  
District 3 Supervisor  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Addendum Item for June 6, 2023 Meeting

Please place the following item on the addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Discussion/Action

Discussion/Action regarding a ban of TikTok on all Pima County owned devices.

## RESOLUTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF PIMA COUNTY DATA

**WHEREAS**, Pima County is committed to the security and privacy of its data; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County is committed to employing information security best-practices which safeguard County data and information resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County has a particular interest in guarding sensitive information from being accessed by foreign governments or actors; and

**WHEREAS**, the social networking app, TikTok, is a wholly owned subsidiary of a Beijing, China based technology firm, ByteDance; and

**WHEREAS**, TikTok has been found to have security vulnerabilities that could expose County-owned or County-leased devices to malicious actors, creating potential security and privacy risks to County agencies and the systems and data the County is charged with protecting; and

**WHEREAS**, TikTok has been banned on government devices by the federal government and the State of Arizona due to concerns that the Chinese government's influence may result in Byte Dance's sharing and/or compromising data and information security of American users of TikTok; and

**WHEREAS**, TikTok is likely not the only current or future application to pose significant cybersecurity risks to the County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that TikTok shall be banned on all County-issued devices as follows:

- Within 30 days of this Order's issuance, the county administrator shall develop a policy detailing how the ban will be implemented across appointed county departments with reasonable law enforcement investigatory considerations; and,
- Other County policies shall be updated where applicable to reflect this directive; and,
- Within 90 days, the Pima County Information Technology Department shall prevent the installation of TikTok on County-owned or County-leased devices in accordance with the aforementioned policy revisions; and,

- Annually, the Pima County Information Technology Department shall produce a report identifying other applications that pose potential cybersecurity threats and that may need to be similarly restricted.

**ADOPTED** by the Pima County Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.