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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 12, 2014

TO: Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor 

REGARDING: Item for the November 18, 2014 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the November 18, 2014 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Recognizing and saluting the county departments and community organizations that are working so diligently and successfully to implement the Affordable Care Act in Pima County and Southern Arizona (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act of 2010 provides millions of United States citizens with access to affordable health insurance; and

WHEREAS, as encouraged under the Affordable Care Act, Arizona adopted an expansion of Medicaid, or Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), for uninsured, childless adults in 2013; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 million Arizonans did not have health insurance coverage of any kind prior to the first Affordable Care Act open-enrollment period that began with October 2013 and ended with March 2014; and

WHEREAS, during this initial open-enrollment period more than 120,000 Arizonans enrolled in the Act's Health Insurance Marketplace and nearly 146,000 enrolled in AHCCCS; and

WHEREAS, of the Arizona numbers, roughly 18,000 of the new Health Insurance Marketplace enrollees are Pima County residents and 50,000 of the new AHCCCS enrollees reside in Pima County; and

WHEREAS, local efforts to get Pima County residents enrolled in one of these health insurance programs have focused on community outreach and education, training, and one-on-one enrollment assistance – utilizing a vast network of organizations, institutions and health-care providers; and

WHEREAS, the second open-enrollment period is November 15, 2014, to February 15, 2015, and the local network of community entities working to increase enrollment in health insurance programs is intent on equaling or improving on their success in the last period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and salutes the strong dedication to enrolling the uninsured in an insurance program of these local partners: Pima Community Access Program, El Rio Community Health Center, Tucson Medical Center, Carondelet Health Systems, Northwest Medical Center, Tucson Urban League, the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, St. Elizabeth's Health Center, the University of Arizona Center for Rural Health, the Association of Health Underwriters, Enroll America, Planned Parenthood of Arizona, Chicanos Por La Causa, the Pima County Health Department, and many other Pima County departments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of November 2014.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors