

MEMORANDUM

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

Date: September 10, 2024

Re: Agenda Item for October 1, 2024 Meeting

From: Rex Scott
District 1 Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Please place the following item on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting October 1, 2024.

Proclamation: Walk-N-Roll to School Week

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) and Pima County Health Department are working together to promote Walk-N-Roll to School Week in Pima County; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of our children is of highest concern to the citizens of Pima County; and

WHEREAS, driving students to school by private vehicles contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution, creating concentrated levels of air pollution around schools; and

WHEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children, and being able to walk or bicycle to school offers an opportunity to build these activities into daily routine; and

WHEREAS, community members and leaders should make plans to not only improve the infrastructure near schools to ensure the safety of Pima County's children to walk, bicycle, skateboard, or scooter in our communities, but to prioritize funding for and develop a list of suggestions for improvements; and

WHEREAS, research shows that when children, families, and caregivers choose active transportation for their daily commutes to school, they feel more grounded and connected to their community, instilling a sense of belonging and responsibility to other people with whom they share that community; and

WHEREAS, an important role for parents and caregivers is to teach children about pedestrian safety and being aware of the barriers and dangers that children face on their trip to school each day, and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Walk-N-Roll to School weeks have proven to be helpful in encouraging children to safely walk and bicycle to school and in creating and promoting local Safe Route to Schools programs across the United States and throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pima County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaims the week of September 30 through October 4, 2024, to be:

“WALK-N-ROLL TO SCHOOL WEEK”

and urges all students, parents, teachers, administrators, schools, and school districts in Pima County to participate in these events and encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children this week and every week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of October 2024.

The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors