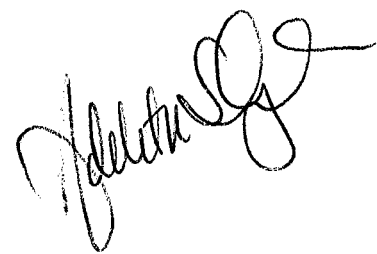


Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 28, 2022  
**TO:** Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board  
**FROM:** Adelita Grijalva, District Five Supervisor  
**REGARDING:** Item for the August 2, 2022 addendum agenda



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Please add the following to the August 2, 2022 addendum agenda:

**Proclamation**

Designating August 31, 2022 as "International Overdose Awareness Day." (District 5)

Thank you

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# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event that is held on August 31st of each year to remember those gone too soon from overdose deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdoses in our community and recognize that within the last decade in the state of Arizona, over 5,000 people died from prescription painkiller-related cases, over 2,000 died due to heroin-related causes, and 5,932 lost their lives from opioid-related causes; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that in Pima County, 446 deaths were due to accidental overdose in the year of 2021, with fentanyl being responsible for the deaths of 193 adults and 12 teens; and

**WHEREAS**, we affirm that the people affected by overdoses are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support, and we call to all citizens to acknowledge International Overdose Awareness Day as an opportunity for all Arizonans to stand beside those who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have a substance use disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, cultural change in neighborhoods and local communities plays a major role in assisting with the removal of the stigma of addiction and the normalization of recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, addiction is not a moral failing but a complex and treatable disease, and a life of recovery is possible since every human deserves our best efforts to prevent injury and death from overdose, and it is imperative to support clinical screenings, overdose prevention policies and projects and to help the wider community understand that drug overdose is a social issue, which impacts the victim, families, friends, and communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Wednesday, August 31, 2022, to be:

## **“INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY”**

and we call this observance to the attention of all our residents.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 2nd day of August 2022.

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The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors