



PIMA COUNTY

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 16th, 2022

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

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

Re: Agenda Item for September 6th, 2022 Meeting

Please place the following items on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 6th, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation stating that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Southern Arizona works to support people with mental illness and their loved ones, and 46% of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental illness; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th-leading cause of death in the United States, resulting in 45,000 deaths per year, and is the second-leading cause of death for people ages 10 to 34; and

WHEREAS, the overall suicide rate in the United States has increased 30% from 2000 to 2021, from 10.4 to 13.5 suicides per 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, in Pima County there has been a 72% increase in suicides among minors ages 12 to 17 and a 61% increase among adults ages 50 to 59; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of recognizing the warning signs and overcoming mental-health challenges, substance-abuse overdoses, suicide attempts and loss are significant; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is a time to draw attention to this stigmatized and often taboo topic; and

WHEREAS, in addition to shifting public perceptions, we will use this month to spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of September 2022 to be:

“SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH”

and encourages County residents to stand together for mental health, increase understanding of mental illness and access mental-health resources to reduce the occurrence of suicide in our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of September 2022.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors