

MEMORANDUM

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

Date: May 9, 2023

Re: Addendum Item for May 16, 2023 Meeting

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

Please place the following item on the addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 16, 2023.

Proclamation for Gun Violence Awareness Day in Pima County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day more than 120 Americans are killed and more than 200 are wounded in gun violence, and on average there are more than 17,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has more than 1,200 gun deaths every year and our state has the 18th highest rate of gun deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety is the Board of Supervisors' highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand in hand with keeping guns away from people who shouldn't have them; and

WHEREAS, gun-violence prevention is more important than ever amid increased gun sales; a rise in calls to suicide and domestic-violence hot lines; and growth in city gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton of Chicago was tragically shot and killed; to recognize what would have been Pendleton's 26th birthday, on June 2 people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Pendleton, other victims of gun violence and the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Pendleton's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 2 to help raise awareness about gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Friday, June 2, 2023, to be:

"GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY IN PIMA COUNTY"

and encourages all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of May, 2023.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors