



Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 11, 2023

TO: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair, District 5

K. Boquell, for

REGARDING: Item for the May 16, 2023 Addendum Agenda

Please add the following to the May 16, 2023 addendum agenda:

Proclamation

Proclaiming the week of May 22, 2023 through May 28, 2023 to be "Period Poverty Awareness Week." (District 5)

Thank you

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, access to menstrual products is a basic human need for menstruators; and

WHEREAS, menstrual equity means everyone who gets a period deserves access to menstrual products so they can thrive; and

WHEREAS, local, state and federal government policies often cause or exacerbate inequitable access to menstrual products by imposing sales taxes on them, limiting access to these products, exempting menstrual products from health benefits programs, and not making these products uniformly available in public places such as schools and homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS, period poverty disproportionately impacts menstruators of color; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is home to trusted community-based organizations, such as the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, the Southern Arizona Aids Foundation and the YWCA Southern Arizona, that recognize the importance of period products in ensuring health and providing economic stability and thus distribute period products through various channels; and

WHEREAS, these organizations' period supply banks work on the front lines to serve Pima County residents and help families in our community weather crises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of May 22 through May 28, 2023, to be:

“PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK”

and thanks the local period supply banks and their staff members, volunteers and donors for their service to the community and encourages Pima County residents to donate generously to period supply banks, product drives and those organizations that collect and distribute period products to those in need.

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