



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 09/01/2015

Title: Preparedness Month Proclamation

Introduction/Background:

Each year September is designated as National Preparedness Month in which there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools.

Discussion:

*The Pima County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) requests the Board of Supervisors' proclaim September as **Preparedness Month** in Pima County in support of the national efforts.*

Conclusion:

OEM along with the Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) and other local, tribal, private, and volunteer agencies will engage in activities that encourage residents to take steps to make themselves and their families more resilient and better prepared for disasters and emergencies.

Recommendation:

Approval of the proclamation will encourage all citizens, businesses, and schools to recognize the importance of preparing for potential emergencies beforehand and to observe this month with appropriate preparedness activities, events, and training to ensure our county stands ready to respond to any disaster or emergency.

Fiscal Impact:

none

Board of Supervisor District:

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Department Director Signature/Date: [Signature] 8-19-15

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: [Signature]

County Administrator Signature/Date: [Signature] for CHH 8-19-15

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, across the nation, September has been designated as National Preparedness Month to encourage all Americans to improve emergency preparedness in their communities; and

WHEREAS, during National Preparedness Month there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness, and to encourage every citizen to renew their commitment to promoting emergency preparedness in homes, businesses, schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Pima County and all are urged to make preparedness a priority and take steps to protect our community before disaster strikes by learning about risk factors in order to protect against injuries, property damage, and potential economic loss in our community caused during disasters; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management along with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) and other local, tribal, private, and volunteer agencies will engage in activities that encourage residents to take steps to make themselves and their families more resilient and better prepared for disasters and emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of September 2015 to be:

“PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

This year’s National Preparedness Month theme is “Don’t Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.” and challenges all citizens, businesses, schools and communities to proactively develop Communications Plans for use during disasters and emergencies. Developing Communications Plans and exercising and reviewing them regularly, along with other simple steps like assembling emergency supply kits and reviewing guidelines for preparedness at Ready.gov help to make our communities more resilient and ensure that Pima County can stand ready to respond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September 2015.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors