



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: September 6, 2016

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: Office of Emergency Management Telephone: 724-9300

Department Director Signature/Date:  8-15-16

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date:  8-15-2016

County Administrator Signature/Date:  8/15/16

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year September is designated as "National Preparedness Month," during which we celebrate our Nation's spirit of resiliency by rededicating ourselves to the important task of being prepared, we raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness, and we encourage every citizen to become more resilient by preparing their homes, businesses, schools and communities for disasters; and

WHEREAS, climate change could cause a threat to our community's safety and security, every resident of Pima County is urged to work toward a sound environment, to collaborate to improve sustainability efforts, and to make responsible choices so that we can secure a cleaner, safer world for future generations; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management along with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), the Faith-Based Community, Raytheon Missile Systems, our Public Safety partners, 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 2016 to be:

"PREPAREDNESS MONTH"

This year's National Preparedness Month theme is "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today." The focus is once again on developing and reviewing communication plans, and by doing so we ready ourselves, our businesses, our schools and our communities for any challenge we may face. These plans help ensure our ability to communicate with those closest to us during and after a disaster, making us more disaster ready, and enhancing whole community resilience in Pima County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of September 2016.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robin Brigode, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors