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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 8, 2016

TO:

FROM:

REGARDING:

Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor Item for the December 13, 2016 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the December 13, 2016 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Declaring February 2, 2017, to be: "Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D, Bishop of Tucson Day." (District 5)

Thank you



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D., has served for more than 15 years as the Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson in an inspirational manner and as a tireless servant and leader, has established the highest standards for professional ministry, and has brought to fruition his vision of redeveloping Cathedral Square and completing the restoration of Saint Augustine Cathedral; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Kicanas is a Good Shepherd among us as a daily role model demonstrating how to live the Catholic faith, always speaking to the heart and soul of each individual, calling the faithful each by name, and making everyone feel important, valuable and special because, in God's eyes, as in his, they are; and

WHEREAS, with boundless energy and stamina Bishop Kicanas has traveled the globe on behalf of the world's underserved peoples, has given voice to the vulnerable as Vice President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has championed a passionate commitment to comprehensive immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship, has alleviated tragedy, sickness, hunger and poverty through his leadership as Chairman of Catholic Relief Services, and has provided mentorship to diocesan seminarians – all while preserving priceless personal photos and remaining a Chicago White Sox fan; and

WHEREAS, we marvel at the sheer number of Bishop Kicanas' accomplishments, we stand in awe of his undying commitment to mercy and justice for all, and we are amazed by his daily dynamic presence at one event after another as he traverses the Diocese of Tucson's 43,000 square miles that span the full length of the Arizona-Mexico border; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Kicanas demonstrates Herculean efforts to retain Catholic education as a priority during a time of restricted resources, is responsive to every school in times of need as well as in times of celebration, and never misses an opportunity to wish school leadership every success each year on the first day of classes; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Kicanas received the prestigious Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Award for exemplifying the dialogical and consultative approach to leadership in working toward much needed unity in the Catholic Church; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and celebrates the great contributions of Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D., and proclaims Thursday, February 2, 2017, to be:

"MOST REVEREND GERALD F. KICANAS, D.D., BISHOP OF TUCSON, DAY"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December 2016.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair Pima County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:
Robin Brigode, Clerk Pima County Board of Supervisors