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# **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

December 14, 2016

TO:

Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

FROM:

Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor

**REGARDING:** 

Item for the January 3, 2017 agenda

Please add the following to the January 3, 2017 agenda:

#### **Proclamation**

Declaring January 27, 2017 to be "Pima County Taxpayer Assistance Day." (District 5)

Thank you

### **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Pima County is committed to reducing poverty through its Ending Poverty Now program and other initiatives, including its partnerships with other government organizations and work to improve the lives of county residents; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona shares this commitment to reduce poverty and to create a more equitable and sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona and Catholic Community Services offer free tax preparation help for Pima County residents through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and by doing so return millions of tax dollars to thousands of hard-working Pima County families while helping them avoid costly tax preparation charges; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is part of a national Volunteer Income Tax Preparation effort that helps millions of working families get free, quality tax preparation services; and

**WHEREAS**, many Pima County residents are eligible for federal and state tax credits that help working people recover and increase their incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit for low- and moderate-income workers encourages and rewards work, offsets federal payroll and income taxes, and helps qualified taxpayers meet basic needs; and

WHEREAS, the Child Tax Credit helps working families offset part of their cost of child rearing; and

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit are among the strongest tools we have to promote work and help workers with children escape poverty and achieve self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona provides other tax benefits that are unknown to many residents who are eligible for them; and

**WHEREAS**, many Pima County residents can benefit from free tax-preparation assistance that helps them receive the tax credits to which they are entitled in 2017,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims January 27, 2017, known nationally as Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day, to be:

## "PIMA COUNTY TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE DAY"

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of January 2017.

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