

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, We Stand Together is a network of individuals and businesses that have agreed to be a safe place for anyone who is a victim of a bias crime or a bias-driven harassment; and,

WHEREAS, the We Stand Together Network builds on and expands the Safe Places for LGBTQ persons which was launched by the Tucson Police Department in the downtown district; and,

WHEREAS; Southern Arizona Hate Crimes Task Force, hosted by the YWCA of Southern Arizona, is committed to tracking bias-related incidents and hate crimes, building alliances across diverse community groups and with law enforcement, equipping people to respond effectively when bias-related incidents occur in order to make the community a safer place for all; and,

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2016, the Pima County Board of Supervisors voted to become part of the We Stand Together Network;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors reaffirms their support of the We Stand Together Network and takes the pledge to:

- display the We Stand Together decal on entrances to County buildings in the downtown district; and
- instruct staff to assist victims/witnesses to bias-related harassment by allowing them to remain on the premises until they feel safe to leave, or in the case of a crime, by calling local law enforcement on their behalf and allowing them to remain on the premises until law enforcement arrives; and,
- report all incidents of a bias crime or a bias-driven harassment to the Southern Arizona Hate Crimes Task Force.

Passed and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017.

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Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board