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PIMA COUNTY RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE REPEAL OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:

- 1. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has both provided expanded access to and improved healthcare for many of Pima County's residents.
- 2. Repeal of the ACA could cause nearly 100,000 Pima County residents to lose their health insurance
- 3. Many features of the ACA, such as prohibiting lifetime benefit caps, prohibiting gender discrimination, provision of care regardless of pre-existing conditions, and provision of benefits to children up to age 26 on their parents' policies, benefit all Americans, including those whose insurance is not purchased on the Health Insurance Exchanges.
- 4. Repeal of the ACA would take away preventive services from Medicare recipients and reinstate the prescription drug coverage gap (the "donut hole"), thereby costing seniors thousands of dollars more each year.
- 5. The ACA allows many public health prevention goals, including access to free immunizations, tobacco cessation products and counseling, well-child visits, and screening mammograms and colonoscopies to be effectively met without co-pays or deductible through private health insurance.
- 6. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the ACA has helped reduce the federal deficit and extended the future solvency of Medicare; and repeal of the ACA would reverse these positive fiscal trends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby:

- 1. Stands firmly committed to affordable and inclusive access to quality healthcare for all Pima County residents.
- 2. Calls on Arizona's Congressional Delegation to vote against any repeal of the ACA unless and until it is replaced by another nationwide alternative with protections for the public commensurate with the goals of the ACA or a single-payer health insurance program that is adopted only after an extensive public review and comment period.

Passed and adopted this	day of	, 2017.
		Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors
ATTEST		APPROVED AS TO FORM
Clerk of the Board		Deputy County Attorney