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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2018

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, Chairman, District Five Supervisor *K. Rojas, for*

REGARDING: Item for the February 20, 2018 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the February 20, 2018 agenda addendum:

Proclamation

Declaring Sunday, February 25, 2018 to be: "Bob Ellis Day." (District 5)

Thank you

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Pima County lost a valued member and leader on December 30, 2017, with the death of Bob Ellis, a veteran of the U.S. Navy whose service included World War II and the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Bob Ellis and Gary Clark, his partner of more than 30 years who died in 2010, were tireless and outspoken advocates for equal rights for members of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, since his move to Tucson in 1972 Bob Ellis was a leader in enhancing the visibility of Pima County's LGBTQ community and in working to secure equal rights and protections for LGBTQ people; and

WHEREAS, Bob Ellis contributed to the spirit of activism and advocacy that helped the City of Tucson become one of the first cities in the country to include sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination protections; and

WHEREAS, he was the founder, publisher, and editor of the Tucson Observer weekly newspaper to keep the LGBTQ community informed and active on issues and events affecting members' lives; and

WHEREAS, Bob Ellis supported the many groups, non-profit organizations and events in the LGBTQ community of southern Arizona, and had a major role in early local Gay Pride celebrations; and

WHEREAS, his sense of humor, kindness, and advocacy enriched all those fortunate enough to know and work with him; and

WHEREAS, Bob Ellis was much loved and respected by his family, friends, colleagues, and members of the LGBTQ community and LGBTQ allies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the significant contributions of Bob Ellis over the course of his distinguished life, celebrates his service to our country and to our community, and gives thanks to his legacy of activism and advocacy of equality by declaring Sunday, February 25, 2018, the day of his celebration of life memorial, to be:

“BOB ELLIS DAY”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February 2018.

The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors