



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

Requested Board Meeting Date: June 5, 2018

**Title:** Monsoon Safety Awareness Proclamation

**Introduction/Background:**

Pima County frequently experiences thunderstorm generated wind, dust, electrical storms, and dangerous flash floods during the summer monsoon season, all of which pose a considerable threat to our community.

**Discussion:**

Each year during the month of June, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management works closely with the National Weather Service and prepares a proclamation to be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting proclaiming Monsoon Awareness Week in Pima County.

**Conclusion:**

This year Monsoon Awareness Week falls during the week of June 10 through 15, 2018. Our office and other local partners such as the National Weather Service, Pima County Regional Flood Control District, Pima County Sheriff's Department, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, Pima Association of Governments, American Red Cross, Tucson Electric Power as well as local media partners and volunteer organizations, will work together to promote flood safety awareness.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended the proclamation be approved for placement on the June 5, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no expense to the General Fund for these activities.

**Board of Supervisor District:**

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# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service monitors severe weather and provides warnings to people within Pima County 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service works in close cooperation with public safety agencies and local media outlets to provide critical weather information as quickly as possible to protect lives and property from the hazards of severe weather; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its location and geography, Pima County frequently experiences thunderstorm-generated wind, dust, electrical storms and dangerous flash floods during the summer Monsoon, all of which pose a considerable threat to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety during the Monsoon begins with teamwork between community partners and emergency responder agencies who unite to promote flood safety awareness and advance the life-saving message of “Turn Around, Don’t Drown”; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service works in conjunction with the Pima County Office of Emergency Management, Pima County Regional Flood Control District, Pima County Sheriff’s Department, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, Pima Association of Governments, American Red Cross and Tucson Electric Power as well as local media partners, volunteer organizations and other federal, state, local and tribal organizations to inform the community about what to do when severe weather strikes during the Monsoon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaims the week of June 10 through June 15, 2018 to be:

## **“MONSOON SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK”**

and encourages all citizens to acquaint themselves with severe weather safety information and to use these life-saving recommendations to protect themselves and their families from the hazards that accompany the summer monsoon season.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12th day of June 2018.

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The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors