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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 3, 2018

**TO:** Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Richard Elías, Chairman and District Five Supervisor 

**REGARDING:** Item for the November 6, 2018 agenda

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Please add the following to the November 6, 2018 agenda:

### Proclamation

Declaring November 2018 to be "National Hospice and Palliative Care Month." (District 5)

Thank you

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## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, hospice is a program designed to offer person-centered and comprehensive end-of-life care, ensuring patients dignity, choice and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the hospice model employs an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment, including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond physical treatment, hospice attends to patients' emotional, spiritual and family needs, and provides family services such as respite care; and

**WHEREAS**, a growing body of peer-reviewed research indicates that timely access to hospice and palliative care can decrease hospitalizations and emergency room visits, and improve the quality of life for patients and family caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care organizations are advocates and educators about advance care planning to help individuals make decisions about the care they want; and

**WHEREAS**, every year thousands of people who have life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care from hospice programs in Pima County, including that of Casa de la Luz Hospice, which has served more than 20,000 over its 20 years of operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Casa de la Luz on celebrating its 20th anniversary and proclaims the month of November 2018, to be:

**“NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH”**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of November 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