

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on October 31, 1963, in what would be one of the last bills he signed into law, President John F. Kennedy signed the Community Mental Health Act, which began the transformation of the delivery of mental health programs throughout the United States and inspired a new era of service delivery in mental healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968 the Tucson Southern Counties Community Mental Health Center, an agency resulting from the collaboration of four local social service agencies, was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in order to carry out the intent of the law signed by President Kennedy; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971 Tucson Southern Counties opened an outpatient center known as La Frontera Center located at 1931 South 6th Avenue in South Tucson; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978 the Tucson Southern Counties Community Mental Health Center corporate name was changed to La Frontera Center, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, La Frontera Center, Inc. developed programs throughout Pima County to meet the needs of its growing population; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time La Frontera Center, Inc. has grown to over 15 affiliated corporations under the banner of La Frontera Arizona with its headquarters proudly remaining in Pima County; and

**WHEREAS**, La Frontera Arizona has expanded over the last fifty years to include a full continuum of behavioral health and substance abuse services for children, adults and families; and

**WHEREAS**, La Frontera Arizona has expanded the scope of its services through strategic mergers and program development also to include affordable housing programs for the elderly, chronically homeless, developmentally disabled, seriously mentally ill, and veterans, as well as foster and kinship care and supportive services for children and families, and crisis intervention services such as statewide suicide prevention lines, and specialty programs for veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, La Frontera Arizona's current twelve hundred plus staff members provide these services throughout the State of Arizona to tens of thousands of individuals and their families each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Tuesday, November 6, 2018, to be:

### **“LA FRONTERA ARIZONA’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY DAY”**

and calls upon all residents of Pima County to celebrate the wonderful contributions they have made throughout the years.

**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