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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 24, 2019

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

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

**REGARDING:** Item for the May 7, 2019 agenda

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Please add the following to the May 7, 2019 agenda:

### Proclamation

Declaring "Special Recognition of PPEP Inc. and PPEP TEC." (District 5)

Thank you

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Portable Practical Educational Preparation (PPEP) Inc. was founded with a mission “to improve the quality of rural life” in August 1967 by Dr. John David Arnold aboard “La Tortuga,” a converted 1957 Chevrolet school bus named by bracero farmworker students attending classes in basic education and English; and

**WHEREAS**, PPEP TEC High Schools were chartered in 1995 as public alternative high schools with a mission “to provide quality educational services for students ages 14 through 21, in grades nine through twelve,” and celebrates 24 years of educational services; and

**WHEREAS**, PPEP TEC staff and administrators are committed to providing each student with the help and support he or she needs for a positive high school experience in preparation for post-secondary education or entering the workforce upon graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, PPEP TEC’s Celestino Fernandez Learning Center in Tucson provides a rigorous curriculum aligned with Arizona Academic Standards and offers core courses, elective courses, extra-curricular activities, academic support, support services, flexibility in schedule, and an Arizona high school diploma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Celestino Fernandez Learning Center enhances student learning by promoting student engagement with local colleges, youth leadership conferences, summer school, and dual-enrollment college courses; and

**WHEREAS**, PPEP Inc. and PPEP TEC provide leadership in educational opportunities for youth throughout Arizona.

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

### **“SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF PPEP INC. AND PPEP TEC”**

and congratulates their students, teachers, staff members, administrators and the school Governing Board for collaborating with our community, and wishes them many more years of continued educational success.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7th day of May 2019.

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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