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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2019

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, Chairman and District Five Supervisor 
Sharon Bronson, District Three Supervisor 

REGARDING: Item for the May 7, 2019 agenda addendum

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

Resolution

Supporting the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's proposed new rule to ban wildlife-killing contests. (District 5)

Thank you

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RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH
COMMISSION'S PROPOSED NEW RULE TO BAN WILDLIFE-KILLING
CONTESTS**

WHEREAS, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for conserving wildlife for the benefit of Arizona residents, and

WHEREAS, wildlife-killing contests are not "management tools" driven by science and they disrupt Arizona Game and Fish Department efforts to manage wildlife using sound scientific principles, and

WHEREAS, wildlife-killing contests are unethical blood sports as they promote the indiscriminate killing of as many animals as possible, and

WHEREAS, wildlife-killing contests violate the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and serve no reasonable purpose, and

WHEREAS, wildlife-killing contests are not legitimate hunting because contest participants do not eat the animals they kill and because the contests are unsporting – they do not follow the principles of fair chase, often employing electronic call devices or attractants to lure animals into shooting range, and

WHEREAS, wildlife-killing contests are a danger to our public lands and to people and domestic animals that use them for recreation or forage, and

WHEREAS, the zeal of wildlife-killing contestants can jeopardize threatened or endangered species in the areas where contests take place, and

WHEREAS, wildlife-killing contests reflect poorly on the overall hunting community, stirring public outrage that has the potential to threaten hunting as a legitimate wildlife-management function,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Arizona Game and Fish Commission's proposal to amend its Rule under ARTICLE 3. TAKING AND HANDLING OF WILDLIFE, R12-4-303, to ban wildlife killing contests in this state and submits this resolution for the record.

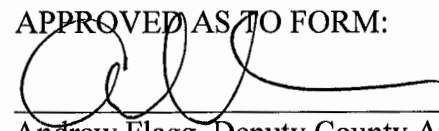
Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Richard Elfás, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Andrew Flagg, Deputy County Attorney