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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 20, 2019

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

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

**REGARDING:** Item for the September 3, 2019, agenda

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Please add the following to the September 3, 2019, agenda:

### Proclamation

Declaring the week of September 23 through September 29, 2019, to be "Diaper Need Awareness Week." (District 5)

Thank you

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, “diaper need,” the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy and dry, can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, national surveys report that one in three mothers experience “diaper need” at some time when their children are less than three years of age and 48 percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

**WHEREAS**, infants and toddlers require, on average, at least 50 diaper changes each per week for their first three years of life; and

**WHEREAS**, there are no government-assistance programs for the purchase or provision of diapers, and a monthly supply of diapers can cost as much as 6 percent of a full-time minimum-wage worker’s salary, posing a hardship for these low-income families; and

**WHEREAS**, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infant and toddlers to participate in childcare programs and quality early childhood education programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Pima County recognize that addressing “diaper need” can lead to economic opportunity for the state’s low-income families and can lead to improved health for families and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County is proud to be home to various community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and distribute diapers to low-income families through various channels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of September 23 through September 29, 2019, to be:

### **“DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK”**

in the county and encourages residents to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives, and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3rd day of September 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