



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

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

**FROM:** Ramón Valadez, County Supervisor, District 2

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item

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Please add the following item to the November 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 agenda:

Proclamation declaring November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 to be Pima County Rugby Day.  
Proclamation to be presented to:

**Angela Wagner-Gabbard: Tucson Rugby Club Secretary**  
**Mark Marrero: Tucson Rugby Club Sponsor Chair**  
**Mr. Angel Cabrera – Tucson Rugby Social Media Chair**

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the Tucson Rugby Club “The Magpies” will celebrate 40 years since former players from the University of Arizona decided to found a club to be inclusive of everyone in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, aside from a strong tradition of winning tournaments and cups, the Tucson Magpies have also been recognized for their sportsmanship, team spirit and pride in the game of Rugby, as well as for their service to the community through sport and community work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tucson Rugby Club prioritizes growing the sport in Pima County, promoting the County throughout the United States and abroad through sport and bringing more visitors to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 and 2017, Tucson hosted the West Coast semifinals for the national championships and, in 2017, for the first time a team from Mexico visited Tucson, the Guadalajara Lobos; and

**WHEREAS**, as a way to promote human exchanges and a closer understanding with Guadalajara, one of Tucson’s sister cities in Mexico, the Tucson rugby community reciprocated the visit in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Tucson Rugby Club proudly hosted the first ever International Rugby Invitational Tournament between amateur teams from Mexico and the United States, for men and women on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, at Kino Sports Complex; and

**WHEREAS**, Rugby, the fastest-growing sport in the United States, brings together teams from all three North American countries to Pima County as a way to foster closer social, economic, cultural and human relations through amateur sport.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, November 2, 2019, to be:

## “PIMA COUNTY RUGBY DAY”

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of November 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