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# **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 19, 2020

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, Chairman and District Five Supervisor

**REGARDING:** Item for the April 7, 2020 agenda

Please add the following to the April 7, 2020 agenda:

#### Proclamation

Proclaiming April 2020 to be "Census Month in Pima County."

Thank you

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# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The United States Constitution mandates that a census of the nation's population be conducted every ten years and the 2020 census is based on residency on April 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital that all households in Pima County complete and submit a census form as every resident counts and deserves to be counted; and

**WHEREAS**, the census will determine how the federal government distributes \$400 billion in funding, an estimated \$3,000 a year per person counted in Pima County, for critical community services, housing, transportation, healthcare, economic development and other vital needs; and

**WHEREAS**, census figures determine how the state of Arizona distributes road funding and other state taxes and fees to counties, cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS**, census data ensure that fair Congressional, legislative, county, and city electoral districts can be drawn; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that accurate data be collected from groups of people who are historically difficult to count, including young children, low-income individuals, military personnel, those fluent in a language other than English, ethnic and racial minorities, and rural residents; and

WHEREAS, census information is confidential and protected from dissemination by law; and

**WHEREAS**, planning, outreach, local-government involvement, and community education are required to ensure that the census count is as accurate as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County participates in the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee and strives to encourage every resident to complete the census questionnaire online, over the telephone, or by postal mail.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April 2020 to be:

### "CENSUS MONTH IN PIMA COUNTY"

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7th day of April 2020.

The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: