PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 6, 2020

TO:

FROM:

Betty Villegas, District Five Supervisor

REGARDING: Item for the May 19, 2020 agenda

Please add the following to the May 19, 2020 agenda:

Resolution

A resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors pledging to assist all County residents with coronavirus (COVID-19) issues equally, regardless of their immigration status or current citizenship.

Thank you

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A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLEDGING TO ASSIST ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ISSUES EQUALLY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS OR CURRENT CITIZENSHIP

WHEREAS, Pima County faces an extraordinarily severe and unprecedented threat to the health and welfare of its residents as a result of the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic crisis, and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is an incredibly contagious respiratory disease that attacks all Pima County residents indiscriminately, and

WHEREAS, Pima County is addressing the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic poses to all its communities, including those whose residents include documented or undocumented immigrants, and

WHEREAS, Pima County agencies are assisting all county residents with getting access to federal financial aid to help them through the pandemic-created economic downturn, and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Health Department and its Emergency Operations Center are striving to obtain and deploy COVID-19 test kits and personal protective equipment for all residents who are at great risk from the deadly disease, and

WHEREAS, all residents of Pima County, regardless of their nationality or citizenship, should have fair and equal access to the county's benefits, opportunities and services that are provided as disaster relief to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that all benefits, opportunities, and services associated with COVID-19 that Pima County provides or administers will, to the maximum extent permitted by law, be accessible to all residents of the county, regardless of their country of origin or current citizenship status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this resolution shall be construed liberally, particularly in regard to Pima County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to provide such access to all to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this _____day of ______, 2020.

Ramón Valadez, Chairman Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:	APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
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Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board	Andrew Flagg, Deputy County Attorney		