



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: September 01, 2020

Title: Preparedness Month Proclamation

Introduction/Background:

Each year the month of September is designated as National Preparedness Month in which there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to inspire and remind citizens to plan and prepare for natural disasters and other emergencies in their homes, schools, businesses, and communities.

Discussion:

The Pima County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) requests the Board of Supervisors' proclaim September as **Preparedness Month** in Pima County in support of the national efforts.

Conclusion:

The Office of Emergency Management along with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), the faith-based community, our public safety partners, and other local, tribal, private, and volunteer agencies will engage in activities to educate the public about the importance of being prepared for a disaster or emergency.

Recommendation:

Approval of the proclamation will encourage citizens, businesses, and schools in our community a greater understanding of the importance of taking proactive steps and planning for natural disasters and potential emergencies and to observe this month with preparedness activities, events, and training ensuring our County stands ready to respond to any disaster or emergency.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Board of Supervisor District:

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September has been designated as National Preparedness Month to encourage all Americans to be prepared for emergencies in their communities; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month incorporates a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to inspire and remind citizens to plan and prepare for natural disasters or other emergencies in their homes, schools, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Pima County and everyone should make it a priority to learn about risk factors and protect themselves against possible injuries, property damage, and economic loss that often result from disasters; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management along with Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), the faith-based community, our public safety partners and other local, tribal, private, and volunteer agencies will engage in activities to educate the public about the importance of being prepared.

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

“PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

The theme of National Preparedness Month 2020 is “Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today.” The Board encourages all County residents to take the proactive steps to plan for any situation, including signing up for MyAlerts.pima.gov and confirming that insurance policies cover hazards such as intense storms, flooding, and wildfires. Additionally recommended: learn CPR, first aid and other lifesaving skills, and take useful safety steps such as knowing how to shut off utilities if needed. Promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. It is crucial to prepare in advance to ensure Pima County is resilient and disaster-ready.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September 2020.

The Honorable Ramón Valadez, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors