



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 9/7/2021

\*= Mandatory, information must be provided

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**\*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 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 Preparedness 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 observe this month with preparedness activities, events and training, thus 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 2021 to be:

## “PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

The theme of National Preparedness Month 2021 is “Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.” The board encourages all County residents to take proactive steps to plan for any situation, including signing up for [MyAlerts.pima.gov](https://myalerts.pima.gov) and confirming insurance policies cover hazards such as intense storms, flooding and wildfires. Additionally, it is recommended that people learn CPR, first aid and other life-saving skills and take useful safety steps like shutting off utilities. 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 7th day of September 2021.

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The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors