

#### Adelita S. Grijalva, District 5

# **MEMORANDUM**

Date: September 16, 2021

From: Adelita S. Grijalva, Vice-chair, District Five Supervisor

Regarding: Item for the September 21. 22

Please add the following to the September 21, 2021 agenda addendum:

### **Proclamation**

Declaring October 2021 to be "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" (District 5)

Thank you

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence occurs in epidemic proportions across the United States, affecting an estimated 10 million people each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the Tucson Police Department responded to more than 15,500 domestic-violence calls in the last year; and

WHEREAS, domestic abuse causes untold trauma to children and adults in our community and harms families physically, emotionally and economically; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic, like other kinds of disasters, exacerbated social and livelihood stresses and circumstances that lead to partner violence; and

**WHEREAS**, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month across the United States, as signified by the wearing of the color purple to remind people that we must halt this dangerous and deadly epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse, Pima County, the Pima County Attorney's Office, the Pima County Sheriff's Department, the City of Tucson and other partners are committed to a comprehensive response to end domestic violence in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of October 2021 to be:

### "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

and encourages all Pima County residents to wear an article of purple clothing or a purple ribbon on Wear Purple Day, which is October 21, 2021, to raise awareness of domestic abuse, to stand in solidarity with domestic-abuse victims and to support an end to the epidemic of domestic violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September 2021.

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