

## **MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 25, 2021

To: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board Pima County Board of Supervisors From: Sharon Bronson District 3, Chair

Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Addendum Item for November 2, 2021 Meeting

Please place the following item on the Addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 2, 2021.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Proclamation stating that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaims the November 27th, 2021 as "Small Business, Saturday."

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the government of Pima County celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 31.7 million small businesses in the United States, representing 99.7% of firms with paid employees, and they are responsible for 65.1% of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ 47.1% of the employees in the private sector in the United States, 88% of U.S. consumers feel a personal commitment to support small businesses in the wake of the pandemic, and 92% of small business owners have pivoted the way they do business to stay open during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, 97% of Small Business Saturday® shoppers recognize the impact they can make by shopping small and 85% of them also encouraged friends and family to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, 56% of shoppers reported they shopped online with a small business on Small Business Saturday in 2020; and more than 50% of consumers who reported shopping small endorsed a local business on social media or shopped at a local business because of a social media recommendation; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, November 27, 2021, to be:

## "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"

and urges the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of November 2021.

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