



Rex Scott, District 1

MEMORANDUM

Please place the following item on the addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting January 20, 2026.

Proclamation - PPEP MICROBUSINESS AND HOUSING DAY IN PIMA COUNTY.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the PPEP Microbusiness Housing Development Corporation under the Portable Practical Education Preparation, Inc. is one of Pima County's oldest strategic partners, having worked together to establish the Community Development Block Grant Program under Governor Bruce Babbitt; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the PMHDC is focused on "socio-economic development in underserved communities that assist small businesses to achieve prosperity and success," and holds the honor of being the first Community Development Financial Institution in the United States under the U.S. Treasury, and has provided over \$40 million in small loans; and

WHEREAS, the PMHDC worked with former Pima County Supervisor David Yetman and the Pascua Yaqui Association to establish the Yoeme Yaqui Settlement in Marana, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the PMHSD Self-Help Housing Program, a HUD-funded program, helps families in rural areas acquire land to build their own homes in several states, and is proud to have built more than 650 houses for farming families; and

WHEREAS, PPEP and PMHDC worked with Pima County to raise \$1.3 million to build the Amado Youth Center, partners with Pima County to operate the Diverse Voices in Prevention program, which focuses on opioid prevention programs, and submitted the first grants for all the rural clinics in Pima County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of the PMHDC 50-year anniversary, hereby proclaims Monday, January 26, 2026, to be:

"PPEP MICROBUSINESS AND HOUSING DAY IN PIMA COUNTY"

and recognizes Dr. John Arnold, PPEP CEO and Founder, for his 58 years of leadership, PPEP board members such as Enrique Serna, Arnold Palacios, Dr. Celestino Fernandez, Gertha Brown-Hurd, Paul Diaz, and many other leaders, including staff of PPEP, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of January 2026.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors