



PIMA COUNTY
JENNIFER ALLEN • DISTRICT 3

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 28, 2026

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Jennifer Allen
Pima County Supervisor for District 3 and Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors
33 N. Stone Ave, 11th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: **Agenda Item: Proclamation**

Dear Melissa,

Please place the following item on the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting of May 12, 2026:

Proclamation: "HOPE, HEALING, AND SOLUTIONS MONTH FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE"

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, homicide is the third leading cause of death for Indigenous women between the ages of 10 and 24 and the fifth leading cause of death for Indigenous women ages 25 to 34; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Urban Indian Health Institute, a Tribal Epidemiology Center, began assessing the number and dynamics of cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, identifying the southern Arizona region as having the third highest rates of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples cases nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Health Department maintains a clearinghouse of information, frameworks, and collaborative models regarding Missing and Murdered Indigenous People to support finding and address root causes, while centering Indigenous voices; and

WHEREAS, healing initiatives are designed to address the deep-rooted trauma and systemic violence faced by Indigenous communities and to heal survivors, strengthen communities, and improve responses to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples cases; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, local Tribal Nations, community partners, and advocacy organizations lead numerous activities focused on healing, awareness, prevention, and justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of May 2026 to be:

“HOPE, HEALING, AND SOLUTIONS MONTH FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE”

to honor the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and reinforce the urgent need for prevention, justice, culturally grounded healing, and systemic change. Pima County, in collaboration with Tribal Nations, community partners, and local organizations, reaffirms its commitment to advancing healing strengthening coordinated response, and supporting initiatives that center Indigenous leadership and will continue to work toward safety, healing, and justice for all Indigenous people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of May 2026.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors