



Rex Scott, District 1

MEMORANDUM

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

Date: 02/04/2026

Re: Agenda Item for February 17, 2026 Meeting

From: Rex Scott
District 1 Supervisor
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Please place the following item on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting February 17, 2026.

Proclamation – DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA DAY IN PIMA COUNTY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dancing in the Streets Arizona (DITSAZ) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ballet school founded in 2008 in the City of South Tucson by Joseph Rodgers and Soleste Lupu, who envisioned bringing high-quality, inclusive ballet training to youth and adults regardless of economic status, background, or body type; and

WHEREAS, DITSAZ has served thousands of students across South Tucson, Pima County, and greater Southern Arizona, providing access to arts education for communities traditionally excluded from classical ballet; and

WHEREAS, DITSAZ has created a safe, inspiring, and inclusive environment where students develop discipline, teamwork, confidence, leadership skills, and artistic excellence; and

WHEREAS, DITSAZ removes participation barriers by offering scholarships, providing dancewear and shoes to students in need, and assisting youth facing financial hardship, transportation challenges, food insecurity, and limited access to arts programming; and

WHEREAS, DITSAZ has become a cultural anchor in the South Tucson and Pima County, producing ballets such as The Nutcracker, Cinderella, and other community performances that engage diverse audiences and unite families, schools, and local organizations; and

WHEREAS, the organization has positively impacted students who have gone on to careers in dance, college arts programs, military service, and leadership roles, demonstrating the profound long-term impact of accessible arts education; and

WHEREAS, the entire community benefits from the cultural enrichment, educational access, and community unity fostered by DITSAZ.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, February 7, 2026, to be:

“DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA DAY IN PIMA COUNTY”

and honors Dancing in the Streets Arizona for its outstanding service, its commitment to accessibility and inclusion in the arts, and its impact on children, families, and communities throughout Pima County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February 2026.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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