



PIMA COUNTY
JENNIFER ALLEN • DISTRICT 3

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 13, 2026

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

From: Chair 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: **Apraxia Awareness Day Proclamation**

Dear Melissa,

Please add the following item to the agenda for the May 12, 2026 meeting of the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

Proclamation: Apraxia Awareness Day

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech is a speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children, with one-third having a genetic causal basis; and

WHEREAS, childhood apraxia of speech causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe childhood speech deficits; and

WHEREAS, children with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years, to learn to speak; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills and high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other skills; and

WHEREAS, these impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved; and

WHEREAS, Apraxia Kids is the leading nonprofit that strengthens the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia of speech; and

WHEREAS, May is recognized as National Speech-Language-Hearing Month, to raise awareness about communication disorders and promote early intervention and support for speech, language, and hearing health; and

WHEREAS, public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice; and

WHEREAS, our highest respect goes to these children and their families for their effort, determination, and resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Thursday, May 14, 2026, to be:

“APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY”

and encourages individuals and families to work within their communities to increase awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech, and to support environments where all children can thrive.

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