



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT (BOSAIR)

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Award Type: Agenda Item

Is a Board Meeting Date Requested? Yes

Requested Board Meeting Date: 04/07/2026

Project Title / Description: Proclamation: Southside Environmental Awareness and Environmental Justice Week

Agenda Item Report

Introduction / Background: Proclamation recognizing the importance of community education, student research, and collaborative efforts to protect environmental and public health.

Discussion: This proclamation was put together by students and educators at Desert View High School who care about their health and community and are putting in work for environmental health.

Conclusion: This proclamation is positive for our entire community and it empowers our youth to take bold leadership steps in using their voice.

Recommendation: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby proclaims April 16 through April 21 as Southside Environmental Awareness and Environmental Justice Week, recognizing the importance of community education, student research, and collaborative efforts to protect environmental and public health.

Fiscal Impact: NA

Support of Prosperity Initiative: N/A

Provide information that explains how this activity supports the selected Prosperity Initiative NA

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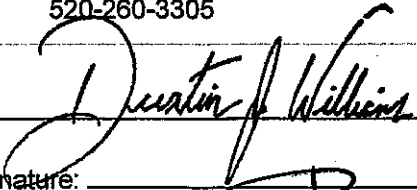
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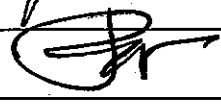
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3/6/2026

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3/9/26

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Desert View High School is located within the Tucson International Airport Area Superfund Site, a federally designated cleanup area established due to decades of groundwater contamination from trichloroethylene and other pollutants, highlighting the long-term impacts of chemical pollution; and

WHEREAS, Desert View students conducted an original scientific investigation titled “Forever Chemicals & Temporary Stand-Ins: Effects of a Chemical Surfactant on Chlorophyll Production in Lettuce Plants,” inspired by concerns about per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) pesticides, finding that increased chemical exposure reduced photosynthetic efficiency and caused physiological stress in plants; and

WHEREAS, this research helped students understand the connections between environmental contamination, food systems, public health, and affected communities, while demonstrating how science education empowers young people to understand environmental challenges and advocate for community-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, partnerships between schools, local government, and institutions of higher education create opportunities for students to pursue environmental science, public health, and sustainability careers while contributing to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of empowering students as future scientists, leaders, and environmental stewards; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the development of educational partnerships between schools, school districts, the Pima County School Superintendent’s Office, Pima CommunityShare, local government agencies, and the University of Arizona to establish dual enrollment environmental science opportunities that prepare students for college, careers, and environmental leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of April 16 through April 21, 2026, to be:

“SOUTHSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WEEK”

recognizing the importance of community education, student research, and collaborative efforts to protect environmental and public health.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April 2026.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors