



**PIMA COUNTY**  
**ANDRÉS CANO**  
DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR

# MEMORANDUM

April 1, 2026

**To:** Melissa Manriquez  
Clerk of the Board

**From:** Andrés Cano  
District 5 Supervisor

**RE:** Item for the April 21<sup>st</sup> Agenda

---

Please add the following to the April 21<sup>st</sup> agenda:

Proclamation:

**Honoring Scott Blades**

Thank you.

APR 01 26 PM 01:28 PC CLK OF BD  
EM

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Scott Blades, founder and longtime Executive Director of Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), has devoted more than three decades to improving the health, dignity, and well-being of residents living with HIV throughout Pima County; and

**WHEREAS**, this work began in 1990 when a resident named Tim courageously shared with his faith community that he was living with AIDS and facing his illness alone, inspiring Scott Blades and others to provide care, companionship, and dignity during his final weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, from that moment, Scott Blades built a broad community response that united faith communities, volunteers, nonprofits, businesses, and service providers to ensure that individuals living with HIV would not face their journey alone; and

**WHEREAS**, since founding TIHAN in 1994, Scott Blades has guided a volunteer-powered network that has mobilized thousands and supported individuals living with HIV through practical assistance, supportive programs, and meaningful community connection; and

**WHEREAS**, through his leadership, this collaborative effort has strengthened public awareness, reduced stigma surrounding HIV, and fostered partnerships that contribute to improved health outcomes and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Scott Blades' vision and dedication demonstrate the profound impact that community collaboration, volunteer service, and compassionate leadership can have in addressing complex public health challenges and strengthening the well-being of the people of Pima County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Scott Blades for his extraordinary leadership and decades of service and expresses deep appreciation for his lasting contributions to the health and well-being of the residents of Pima County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 21st day of April 2026.

---

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

---

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors