

# MEMORANDUM

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

Date: 03/18/2026

Re: Agenda Item for April 7, 2026 Meeting

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

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Please place the following item on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting April 7, 2026.

Proclamation – NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN PIMA COUNTY

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, therapy animal teams serve many communities in Pima County; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 200 Pima County therapy animal teams visit schools, hospitals, government employees, 911 operators, the VA, and anyone in need of comfort; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific research shows that interacting with therapy animals can reduce stress, relieve depression, slow heart rate, lower blood pressure and strengthen the immune system; and

**WHEREAS**, therapy animal teams throughout Pima County play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and .

**WHEREAS**, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community, including veterans, seniors, patients, students, and those approaching end of life; and

**WHEREAS**, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage more pet owners to consider becoming therapy animal team volunteers to help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Thursday, April 30, 2026, to be:

## "NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN PIMA COUNTY"

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7th day of April 2026.

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The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Melissa Manriquez, Clerk  
Pima County Board of Supervisors