

MEMORANDUM

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

Date: 1/5/2026

Re: Agenda Item for January 20, 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 on January 20, 2026.

Proclamation – ARIZONA PHOTONICS DAYS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tucson is home to world-class businesses and scientific and educational institutions with decades of innovation and leadership in optics and photonics; and

WHEREAS, the University of Arizona Wyant College of Optical Sciences is one of the premier educational and research institutions in optics and photonics worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Tucson companies and organizations are on the leading edge of optics and photonics technology used in astronomy, medicine, advanced manufacturing, automation, metrology, clean energy, communications and quantum computing; and

WHEREAS, Optics Valley, a committee of the Arizona Technology Council, is the Tucson industry cluster that facilitates Arizona's leadership through business acceleration, workforce development, startup support, and connections to local and global opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Optics Valley mission is to catalyze, convene and connect optics and photonics and the supporting business interest throughout Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the annual, multi-day Arizona Photonics Days conference in Tucson brings together Arizona optics companies, the Global Photonics Alliance and international industry leaders to connect and learn about innovations in technology and applications in the science of light; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Photonics Days, January 14–16, 2026, is an opportunity to recognize advocates and supporters committed to both the science and the industry of optics and photonics in Southern Arizona and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims January 14 through January 16, 2026, to be:

“ARIZONA PHOTONICS DAYS”

in this community and encourages all of our citizens to learn more about the science of light.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of January 2026.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors