



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

## MEMORANDUM

February 19, 2026

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

**From:** Andrés Cano  
District 5 Supervisor

*AC*

**RE:** Item for the March 3rd Agenda

*addendum*

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Please add the following to the March 3rd agenda:

*addendum*

Proclamation:

Tenwest Week in Pima County

Thank you.

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# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Pima County recognizes Startup Tucson as a leader in the innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem, supporting 3,000 entrepreneurs a year as they launch and grow their businesses in Pima County, resulting in an impact to the Southern Arizona economy since 2012 of nearly 1,200 new jobs and more than \$290 million in funding for small businesses and startups; and

**WHEREAS**, Pima County-Tucson has a thriving innovation ecosystem with partners including University of Arizona Center for Innovation, Community Investment Corporation, Pima County Office of Economic Development, City of Tucson Economic Initiatives, Groundswell, Arizona Commerce Authority, Brown Foundations, Southern Arizona Leadership Council, Local First Arizona, Visit Tucson, Town of Oro Valley, Downtown Tucson Partnership, Arizona Tech Council, Tech Launch Arizona, Arizona Arts Live and others; and

**WHEREAS**, TENWEST, founded in 2015 by Startup Tucson, is now the largest entrepreneurship and creativity festival in the Southwest, drawing thousands of local and regional attendees to downtown Tucson; and

**WHEREAS**, fueled by the financial platform HUSTL, this weeklong festival supports Southern Arizona's innovation ecosystem by convening a powerful network of regional founders, small businesses, and academic leaders to an event that fosters meaningful local connections and actionable strategies necessary to drive growth within our own communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this unique blend of professional development and community celebration ensures that TENWEST participants gain the insights and regional partnerships needed to make a lasting impact across the Southwest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of March 24 through March 29, 2026, to be:

## **“TENWEST WEEK IN PIMA COUNTY”**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3rd day of March 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