



MEMORANDUM

June 9, 2026

To: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

From: Andrés Cano
District 5 Supervisor

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RE: Item for the June 23rd agenda

Please add the following to the June 23rd agenda

Proclamation:

National Aphasia Awareness Month

Thank you.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, aphasia is a communication impairment that affects the ability to express and understand language, often resulting from damage to the left hemisphere of the brain, most commonly caused by a stroke or brain injury; and

WHEREAS, aphasia can impact an individual's ability to speak, write, and understand language, yet does not affect their intellect; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Aphasia Association, aphasia affects over 2 million people in the United States, yet 85% of the public is unaware of what aphasia is, leading to unnecessary isolation for those affected; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Aphasia is dedicated to educating the public about aphasia, promoting research, and supporting individuals with aphasia and their families to help them regain communication skills and minimize the psychosocial impact of this disorder; and

WHEREAS, by naming aphasia clearly and publicly, we can reduce stigma, promote communication access, and empower individuals with aphasia to fully participate in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of June 2026 to be:

"NATIONAL APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH"

in Tucson, AZ, and urges all residents to recognize the needs of those with aphasia and to support efforts that facilitate their communication, participation, and quality of life.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June 2026.

The Honorable Jennifer Allen, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors