



**PROCLAMATION NO. 2015-06**

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 11, 2015, AS MARCH FOR BABIES DAY IN GILA COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature births and infant mortality; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has more than 500,000 babies who are born too soon each year; and

**WHEREAS**, prematurity is the leading cause of newborn deaths and babies who survive an early birth often face the risk of lifetime challenges such as breathing problems, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and others; and

**WHEREAS**, 13 million babies worldwide were born preterm and more than 1 million die each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the March of Dimes is determined to find answers to reduce the rate of preterm births; and

**WHEREAS**, research breakthroughs funded by the March of Dimes are already saving the lives of countless babies who were born prematurely; and

**WHEREAS**, the March of Dimes has over 75 years of providing education programs and success in funding research to improve public health, starting with the development of the polio vaccine that has eradicated the threat of the disabling and deadly virus in the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Gila County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim April 11, 2015, to be "**MARCH FOR BABIES DAY**" in Gila County, in an effort to educate our childbearing mothers and, in turn, this should decrease the number of premature births.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

**ATTEST:**

**GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

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Michael A. Pastor, Chairman