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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 1, 2015

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors  
Presiding Judge, Superior Court  
Elected Officials  
Appointing Authorities

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator *CHH*

Re: **Retirement of Mr. George Widugiris and Appointment of New Procurement Director**

Procurement Director George Widugiris has informed me of his plans to retire effective November 6, 2015. Mr. Widugiris was the County's Procurement Director from 1987 through 1993 and returned to the County again in 2002.

Under Mr. Widugiris' leadership, our Procurement Department has been recognized for 11 consecutive years – most recently this year – with the National Procurement Institute's Annual Achievement of Excellence Award.

I am appointing Ms. Mary Jo Furphy, currently Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, as Procurement Director upon Mr. Widugiris' retirement. Ms. Furphy was previously a manager in the Procurement Department and was instrumental in the transition of the County's procurement process from primarily paper-based to an electronic system. Prior to working in the County's Procurement Department, Ms. Furphy held positions in federal and local governments. Her familiarity with the County's procurement process will help facilitate a smooth leadership transition for the Department.

Please join me in thanking Mr. Widugiris for his many years of outstanding service to Pima County and welcoming Ms. Furphy as the new Procurement Director.

CHH/mjk

c: George Widugiris, Director, Procurement  
Mary Jo Furphy, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors