WHEREAS, the Pima County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) was established by the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and appointed by the Pima County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the WIB believes that a trained and educated workforce is critical to the economic health of our region; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of adult job seekers in Pima County are deficient in basic reading, math and/or language and/or lack a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, federal financial aid regulations require low-scoring applicants to obtain a GED and/or increase basic skills prior to gaining access to college courses; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Legislature has made significant cuts to state subsidies for public post-secondary and adult education, dramatically reducing the number of workers Pima County is able to train for the local labor market;

WHEREAS, the federal government has allocated $12 million for Adult Education in Arizona contingent upon the State of Arizona appropriating $4.5 million of state dollars for Adult Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Pima County Workforce Investment Board recommends that the State appropriate $4.5 million necessary to access $12 million in federal funding to operate Adult Education (Workforce Investment Act Title II) programs.

Resolved the 12 of April, 2013, by the Pima County Workforce Investment Board.

Signature
Gregg Johnson, Chairman
Pima County Workforce Investment Board

April 12, 2013