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### **Tohono O'odham Nation's Archie Hendricks Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility Receives Harvard University's National Honoring Nations Award**

(Sells, AZ) -- At the 65th Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians held on October 19-24 in Phoenix, Arizona, the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development presented its Honoring Nations awards. The Tohono O'odham Nation's Archie Hendricks Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility and the Tohono O'odham Hospice received one of only five High Honors awards. They were selected out of more than 100 applicants.

Ned Norris Jr., Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation said, *"We are very proud to receive this prestigious award. It reflects the wise investment of our resources which have provided vital care to our Nation's elders. We are pleased that the good work of the board and staff of Archie Hendricks and the Tohono O'odham Hospice are being recognized on a National level."*

Vice Chairman Isidro Lopez added, *"This award validates the abilities of our people to meet the challenges that we face today. We value our elders and it is important to us that we are able to bring them home so that they can receive care while also being with their families. These programs are allowing this to happen."*

Tohono O'odham Nursing Care Authority Chairwoman, Frances Stout, commented, *"From its inception in 2002, the Archie Hendricks Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility and the Tohono O'odham Hospice have provided critical skilled nursing and hospice services to more than 300 Tohono O'odham Elders throughout the Tohono O'odham Nation."*

Created in 1998, Honor Contributions in the Governance of American Indian Nations (Honoring Nations) identifies, celebrates, and shares information about tribal government programs, and challenges facing American Indian Nations. At the heart of the Honoring Nations is the principle that tribes themselves hold the key to generating social, cultural and economic prosperity. Honoring Nations is administered by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

For more information on the Tohono O'odham Nation, the Archie Hendricks Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility, or the Tohono O'odham Hospice, please visit <http://www.tonation-nsn.gov/>.

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