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STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF FORMER CHAIRMAN ENOS FRANCISCO, JR.

SELLS, Ariz. – The Tohono O'odham Nation was saddened to learn of the passing of Enos Francisco, Jr. of the Baboquivari District, who served as Chairman of the Nation from 1987-1989. He had previously served as Vice Chairman of the Nation from 1979-1983 under Chairman Max Norris. Enos was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Throughout his public career, Enos always sought to do his best to serve the interests of the Tohono O'odham. He served during a period of transition, holding office as Vice Chairman a few years before the adoption of the Nation's 1986 Constitution and then becoming the first Chairman elected under the new governing document.

Enos also followed in the footsteps of his father, former Chairman Enos Francisco, Sr., who had held office from 1953-1954 and 1959-1962.

On behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation, we offer our sincere condolences to Enos' family and friends during this incredibly difficult time.

To honor his memory, we request that all Tohono O'odham Nation programs and entities fly the Nation's flag at half-staff until the services for Enos Francisco, Jr. are concluded.

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