



Tohono O'odham Nation
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PROCLAMATION

Establishing October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was established in October 1987 to create a National dialogue about domestic violence, to advocate for legislation, to protect victims, and to encourage public awareness and action against domestic violence abuse; and

WHEREAS, for at least sixteen (16) years, the Tohono O'odham Nation has marked October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month as a time to remember individuals who have died because of domestic violence, to celebrate individuals who have survived, to connect individuals who work to end domestic violence, and to educate elected leaders and communities about the real dangers of domestic violence and the need to protect victims; and

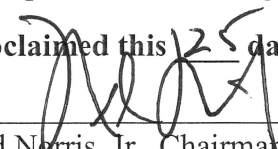
WHEREAS, domestic violence perpetrated within the family presents not just a serious threat to the stability of the family, but equally undermines our Tohono O'odham himdag; and disturbs an O'odham spiritually, physically, mentally and socially which in turn disrupts the families, communities and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Every O'odham child and family is sacred and deserves to be kept safe from harm caused by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Komckud Ki: Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Program strives to end domestic violence on the Tohono O'odham Nation and declares October 24th as "Wear Purple Day" to support and stand in solidarity with those impacted by domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, October 2019 is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We call on the Tohono O'odham Nation to rise up in support of the movement to prevent and end domestic violence, which disproportionately affects millions of American Indians and Alaska Native, including our O'odham people, every year. In speaking up and working together we can start to heal and build a Nation of mutual respect, safety and support for all those affected. We must acknowledge that domestic violence prevention remains an important undertaking to make our people, families and Nation strong.

Proclaimed this 25 day of October 2019.


Ned Norris, Jr., Chairman
Tohono O'odham Nation