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TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION OBSERVES WORLD AIDS DAY

SELLS, Ariz. – The Tohono O'odham Nation joins communities across the globe in observing World AIDS Day. Held on December 1 every year, this is an opportunity for our Nation to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS, as well as show our support for all tribal citizens currently living with HIV.

On behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation, we also would like to take a moment to reflect on those who have been lost to HIV/AIDS—friends, family, fellow tribal citizens. We honor each of those individuals whose lives were tragically cut short by HIV.

We also recognize the dedication of staff in the Nation's HIV/AIDS Disease Intervention & Surveillance Program. They work tirelessly to provide HIV/AIDS prevention education services, rapid HIV testing, as well as emotional and client support for members of the Tohono O'odham Nation and their partners.

Their work is crucial to combatting HIV diagnoses, which are rising in Native American communities across the U.S. In order to fight this trend and protect the lives of our tribal citizens, we must all do our part to increase awareness, improve prevention education, and provide support services to anyone in need.

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