



Tohono O'odham Nation  
Office of the  
Chairman and Vice Chairwoman

Ned Norris Jr. Wavalene M. Saunders  
Chairman Vice Chairwoman



**PROCLAMATION**

**Proclamation Declaring May 15 – 21, 2023 as  
“Police Week”  
With Special Recognition of “Peace Officers Memorial Day”**

**WHEREAS**, The United States Congress has designated the Week of May 15<sup>th</sup> to be dedicated as “National Police Week” and May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to be “Peace Officers Memorial Day”; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers are guardians of life and property, defenders of the individual right to be free men and women, warriors on the war against crime, and dedicated to preserve life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tohono O’odham Nation law enforcement men and women respond to incidents including, but not limited to, domestic violence, substance use disorders, and mental health challenges with limited resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tohono O’odham Nation law enforcement men and women serve the public in countless ways 24 hours a day, 365 days a year without due recognition by the beneficiaries of their services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tohono O’odham Nation honors the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed and injured in the line of duty while protecting our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the week of May 15, 2023 shall be recognized as Police Week with special recognition of Peace Officer Memorial Day on May 15, 2023. I call upon all of our Nation’s members to honor and give sincere appreciation to all Police Officers of our Nation by deed, remark, and attitude. I further call upon our Nation to demonstrate their gratitude to our proud men and women, past and present, who make it possible for us to leave and return to our homes and family safely each day and who protect property and government against all who violate the law.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ned Norris Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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