

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF U.S. SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

SELLS, Ariz. – Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Edward D. Manuel issued the following statement:

"The Tohono O'odham Nation was saddened to learn of the passing of U.S. Senator John McCain, who had represented Arizona in the halls of Congress for more than 30 years. A U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War who survived capture and torture in a P.O.W. camp, Sen. McCain dedicated his life to serving his country and fellow citizens. His example of service and sacrifice will continue to inspire future leaders across the United States.

The people of Arizona were especially fortunate to have been represented by such a tireless and devoted public servant for so many years. During his time in elected office, Sen. McCain worked closely with the Tohono O'odham Nation on many issues of importance to our communities. His leadership, experience, and insights will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation, I offer my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Sen. McCain during this difficult time."

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