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TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY

Today we honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. It is known that Native Americans have the highest per capita rate of military service out of any population in the country, and with that comes a high rate of sacrifice as well. Many Tohono O'odham families know what it means for a loved one who gave their life to defend our freedoms and our safety.

All of us should be eternally grateful to these courageous individuals for their service and sacrifice on our behalf. In the words of President Abraham Lincoln, they "gave the last full measure of their devotion" for our country, and that dedication must never be forgotten.

This Memorial Day, we urge everyone to take a solemn moment to think of the many men and women who left home to serve in the armed forces and never returned. Please also keep in your thoughts all the families impacted by their sacrifice. During this day, we also ask that everyone continue to take safety precautions to protect yourself and your loved ones from the pandemic.

May the Creator continue to bless you and bless those that have gone before us.

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Ned Norris Jr, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wavalene M. Saunders".

Wavalene Saunders, Vice Chairwoman

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