



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

Ned Norris Jr. Wavalene M. Saunders
Chairman Vice Chairwoman



PROCLAMATION

*Proclaiming April 9 – 15, 2023 as “Public Safety Telecommunications Week”
on the Tohono O’odham Nation*

WHEREAS, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as Public Safety Telecommunicators; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics are critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters are dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Tohono O’odham Police Department, Public Safety Communications; and

WHEREAS, the Tohono O’odham Nation Public Safety Dispatchers are a vital link between citizens and emergency responders; we rely on their knowledge to obtain vital information, make critical decisions, and to quickly dispatch needed aid; and

WHEREAS, the Tohono O’odham Nation Public Safety Communicators have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, the Tohono O’odham Nation Public Safety Communicators serve the public in countless ways 24 hours a day, 365 days a year without an expectation of recognition by the beneficiaries of their services; and

WHEREAS, while we proclaim this week as Public Safety Telecommunications Week, we recognize the critical role public safety dispatchers and like services provide every day of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the week of April 9, 2023 shall be recognized as Public Safety Telecommunications Week. I urge all members to take time to show their appreciation to the emergency dispatchers and other communications specialists, both professional and volunteer, who help make the Tohono O’odham Nation a better and safer place to live and work.

Dated this 13th day of April 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