



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

Ned Norris Jr. Wavalene M. Saunders
Chairman Vice Chairwoman



PROCLAMATION

ESTABLISHING JUNE AS PRIDE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Our O'odham ancestors held the belief, passed down in our Himdag, that we are interdependent as individuals and connected to the earth; and

WHEREAS, The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) O'odham, whom have always been a part of the O'odham community, were and continue to be the example of balance whose unique gifts and talents also serve as contributory agents to our O'odham society; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ O'odham and LGBTQ+ individuals across the world continue to be denied fundamental protections due to all human beings and experience discrimination, prejudice, and injustice; and

WHEREAS, we want to remind the LGBTQ+ community that they are loved and cherished and deserving of respect and support; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

WHEREAS, The Tohono O'odham Nation stands in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community in their ongoing struggle for equal rights, inclusion and justice.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ned Norris Jr., Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, hereby proclaim that June shall continue to be recognized as Pride Awareness Month for the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Dated this 1st day of June 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