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TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION HONORS OUR COUNTRY'S HEROES

SELLS, Ariz. – On this Memorial Day, we ask that you take time to remember the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Take pride in the fact that so many Tohono O'odham have found the strength to serve this country and risk their lives for our freedoms and comforts. They have courageously stood up for our families and our communities—and for the future generations of the Tohono O'odham. We must give our thanks to these fallen heroes.

While Memorial Day can bring deep emotions, it also offers time to reflect, connect, and celebrate the enduring legacy of our fallen heroes. We invite you to share your stories and memories as a way to find healing and keep their spirit alive. Storytelling is part of who we are as it preserves our history and helps future generations understand the strength, sacrifice, and resilience of our people. By remembering and honoring our fallen warriors together, we deepen our connection to them and to one another, strengthening the bonds that unite us across generations.

As part of our remembrance, we urge each of you to also reflect on what our veterans, our warriors, gave their lives for. They believed strongly in our rights as O'odham—rights secured through generations of courage, sacrifice, and perseverance. It is patriotic to exercise our rights and demand the freedoms that we all deserve and enjoy. Together we are stronger.

We wish you all a safe Memorial Day.

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Verlon M. Jose, Chairman

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Carla L. Johnson, Vice Chairwoman

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