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Ned Norris, Jr.
Chairman

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Proclamation Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day September 9, 2011

WHEREAS, The term "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders" (FASD) is an umbrella term that describes the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are a major cause of numerous social disorders including learning disabilities, school failure, juvenile delinquency, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness and crime; and

WHEREAS, Healthy children are an important resource for the Tohono O'odham Nation and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders pose a serious threat to the potential health of our future generations; and

WHEREAS, FASD are 100% preventable by women not drinking alcohol during the nine months of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, The Tohono O'odham Nation supports the Department of Health and Human Services and other Nation agencies, and Federal partners to raise awareness and promote open and honest communication about the effects of FASD and to encourage, educate and empower our communities to prevent FASD.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ned Norris Jr., Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of the Tohono O'odham Nation do hereby proclaim September 9th as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day" and I call upon all O'odham to join people around the world to observe the annual International FASD Awareness Day on September 9th, a commemoration that was first observed on September 9, 1999 at 9:09am, so that on the ninth day of the ninth month of each year, the world will be reminded that women and family should abstain from alcohol during the nine months of pregnancy.

Dated this 9 day of September, 2011

Dr. Ned Norris Jr., Chairman
Tohono O'odham Nation