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Chairman Vice Chairwoman



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Statement by Dr. Ned Norris Jr., Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation to the Pima County Board of Supervisors

On behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation, I would like to express our full and unwavering support of Dr. Theresa Cullen.

Dr. Cullen has devoted her career to providing the very best medical care and health care access for Pima County residents, including tribal citizens of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Dr. Cullen previously worked as a family practice physician for Indian Health Service (IHS) in Sells and San Xavier and from 1994 to 1999, she was the Clinical Director on the Tohono O'odham Nation for IHS.

I have most recently had the benefit of closely working with Dr. Cullen on COVID-19 response efforts on the Tohono O'odham Nation—from testing to vaccine clinics to community outreach.

The pandemic has been challenging for us all, but I am certain that it would have been much worse if not for the efforts by Dr. Cullen and her office. She is responsible for saving countless lives with her science-based guidance over the past three years.

Dr. Cullen's expertise is extensive. Her commitment is unmatched. It is a shame that some have tried to rewrite history and distort truth with lies surrounding Dr. Cullen's work, all in the name of trying to score political points.

Dr. Cullen has had, and will continue to have my admiration and support. On behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation we thank her for her service and she is ideally suited to continue serving Pima County as Health Director.

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