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**SUPPORTING THE TOHONO O’ODHAM NATION GRANT
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors oversees the public safety and justice system in Cochise County; and

WHEREAS, The County’s Strategic Plan’s main goal regarding public safety and justice is to promote safe communities, strengthen legal services, and ensure access to justice for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cochise County is interested in improving public safety, saving tax dollar funds, collaborating with strategic partners and stakeholders, and promoting stronger, healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, local jails across the nation, including in Cochise County, have become over-crowded while detaining those awaiting court proceedings who are often times not a flight risk or danger to public safety; and

WHEREAS, A significant jail population requires regular medication, in many cases psychotropic, due to mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Cochise County has a proven leadership track record in the region of developing, implementing, and maintaining effective, high-quality services with personal and professional integrity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cochise County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the application for the Tohono O’Odham Nation grant to help fund a mental health professional to serve as coordinator of cases in

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which prosecution is suspended with diversion in Justice Precincts 1 and 2 within Cochise County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by Board of Supervisors of Cochise County, Arizona, this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Richard R. Searle, Chairman
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Arlethe G. Rios
Clerk of the Board

Britt Hanson
Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney