



*Declaration of Intent to Cooperatively Participate  
in the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan*

**THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION  
and  
PIMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

*WHEREAS, the Sonoran Desert is homeland to the Tohono O'odham Nation; and*

*WHEREAS, Members of the Tohono O'odham Nation have made a most significant contribution to the cultural resource base of the Sonoran Desert; and*

*WHEREAS, Members of the Tohono O'odham Nation have great knowledge about the natural resource base of the Sonoran Desert; and*

*WHEREAS, Members of the Tohono O'odham Nation have demonstrated wisdom in utilizing scarce water resources in the Sonoran Desert; and*

*WHEREAS, on March 2, 1999, the Pima County Board of Supervisors committed to preserving and protecting the Sonoran Desert through the adoption of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan in concept; and*

*WHEREAS, the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan seeks to protect and preserve cultural and historic resources; and*

*WHEREAS, under the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, 12 habitat types, 20 plant communities, 108 vulnerable species are being considered for protection; and*

*WHEREAS, for the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan to be truly comprehensive and meaningfully conserve the resources important to the original and new residents of the Sonoran Desert, a cooperative and collaborative effort is needed between Pima County and the Tohono O'odham Nation;*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA,**

*Will seek to collaborate and cooperate with the Tohono O'odham Nation in developing and establishing the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.*

**SIGNED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1999.**

*Tohono O'odham Nation*

*Pima County*

