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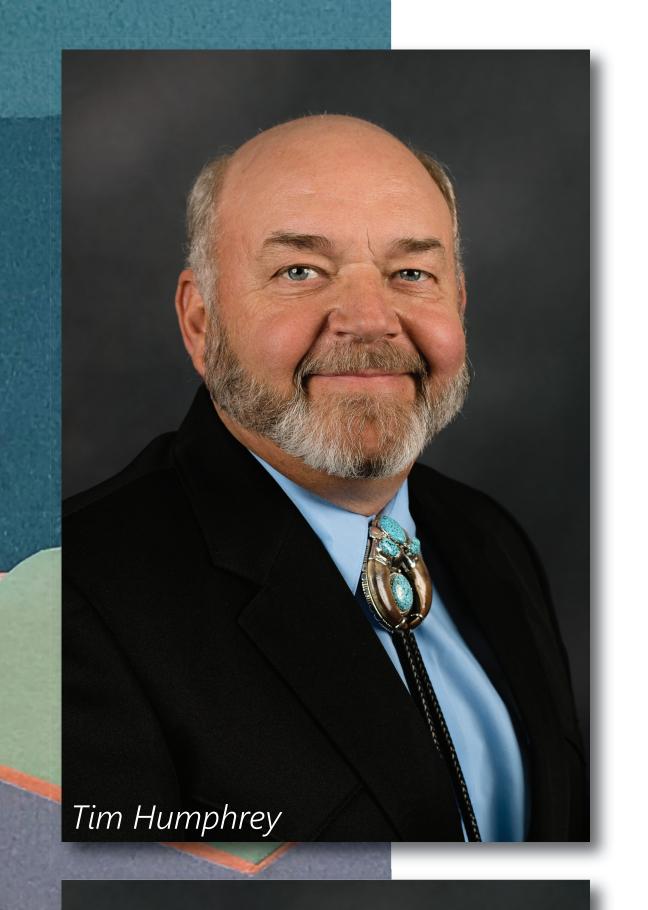
## BUILDINGUP

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2019 Arizona Housing Forum

Brian Mickelsen

## HOUSING HERO AWARD



Woody Cline

Tommie Martin

ELECTED OFFICIAL 2019

## TIM HUMPHREY WOODY CLINE TOMMIE MARTIN

Gila County Board of Supervisors

Members of the Gila County Board of Supervisors: Tim R. Humphrey, Woody Cline and Tommie Martin, are the 2019 Housing Heroes in the Elected Official category for their achievement in establishing a Local Coalition to End Homelessness (LCEH) and are being recognized as the first entity in the State solely made up of elected officials to take the lead in creating a local coalition to end homelessness.

Following numerous community meetings in Gila County to address the local homeless situation, members of the board of supervisors approved plans to form a LCEH in Gila County based on input provided by Malissa Buzan, Gila County Community Services Department Director and Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH). Prior to this, Gila County was the largest Balance of State County that did not have an active coalition in the State and was the only county that had not applied for funding.

Through the newly-established LCEH in Gila County, the group can apply for various grants to increase resources to end homelessness. The coalition will be responsible for coordinating local resources and homeless services; coordinating point in time counts at the local community level; creating local gaps analysis; recruiting local stakeholder conferencing; system coordination efforts and is committed to working with the Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care, administered by the Arizona Department of Housing, to end homelessness in their community.

The group held their first meeting in April 2019 with representation from the Gila County Board of Supervisors and staff, the cities of Payson and Globe, Arizona Department of Economic Security, and numerous services providers and community organizations serving the homeless population. Gila County is the 10th rural county in the state to officially establish a LCEH.