

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Opposing Arizona Senate Bill 1010)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-097**

1 **WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with**  
2 **the "continuing responsibility" to "[p]reserve important historic, cultural and**  
3 **natural aspects of Tohono O'odham national heritage" and authority to "preserve**  
4 **and cultivate ... native traditions" (Constitution, Article XVIII, Section 2(d) and**  
5 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(8)); and**

6 **WHEREAS, Arizona Senate Bill 1010 ("SB 1010"), which is pending before the Arizona State**  
7 **Legislature, would designate the entire Loop 202 freeway in Maricopa County as**  
8 **the Charlie Kirk Loop 202; and**

9 **WHEREAS, Loop 202 passes through and alongside Muhadag/Avikwaxos Do'ag (South**  
10 **Mountain), which is a sacred and traditional cultural place to the four O'odham**  
11 **tribes; it is central to the spiritual practices, creation stories, and identities as**  
12 **O'odham and Pee Posh, and the mountain is a living part of our Himdag, our way**  
13 **of life; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the Nation recognizes that Charlie Kirk's death was tragic and the Nation strongly**  
15 **condemns all political violence; and**

16 **WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's public statements demonstrated a profound disrespect for Native**  
17 **peoples, tribal sovereignty, and the very concept of Indigenous land rights, for**  
18 **example stating, "There is reason why in the Declaration of Independence,**  
19 **Indigenous people are called savages," and "these are the people that won't go to**  
20 **church, but they'll chant indigenous pagan incantations" (The Charlie Kirk Show,**  
21 **"Breaking From the Blue, Cracker Barrel, Land Acknowledgements, and More,"**  
22 **Aug. 25, 2025); and**

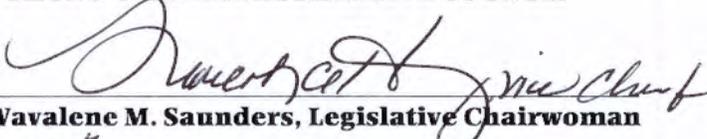
23 **WHEREAS, naming a highway along Muhadag/Avikwaxos to honor Charlie Kirk would be a**  
24 **declaration of disrespect to all Arizona tribes that our sacred places do not**  
25 **matter, that our sovereignty is not respected, and that our very existence as**  
26 **Native peoples is something to be dismissed or denied; and**

27 **WHEREAS, the Legislative Council Appropriations and Cultural Preservation Committees**  
28 **have reviewed SB 1010 and recommend that the Nation oppose it.**

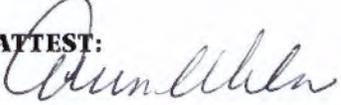
29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council opposes SB**  
30 **1010 and any similar legislation, and authorizes and directs the Nation's**  
31 **chairperson to submit written comments stating the Nation's opposition.**  
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The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 13<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; [01] NOT VOTING; and -0- ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section 1(c)(8), Article XVIII, Section 2(d) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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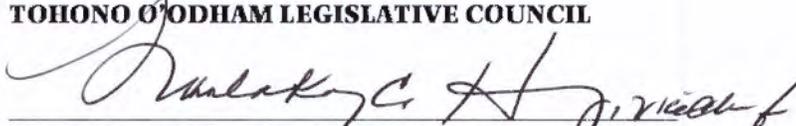
  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman  
13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026

ATTEST:

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary  
13 day of March, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026 at 4:04 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

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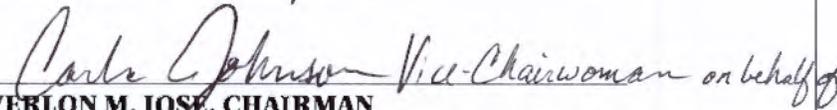
  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 13 day of March, 2026

DISAPPROVED

at 4:15 o'clock, p.m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 13 day of  
March, 2026, at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

Evonne Wilson  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: OPPOSING ARIZONA SENATE BILL 1010

MOVED: VICE CHAIRWOMAN MARLAKAY HENRY

SECOND: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III

DATE: MARCH 13, 2026

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	125.6	X			
	2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ( )	125.6	X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ( )	282.85	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85	X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	97.65	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65	X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	124.9	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX ( )	124.9	X			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	133.15	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15	X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruclas)	120.15	X			
	2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15	X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	111.45	X			
	2. DELMAM. GARCIA ( )	111.45	X		X	
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ( )	139.8	X			
	2. BENNETT CHEWING ( )	139.8	X			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. GLORIA JOHNSON ( )	144.6	X			
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	180.95	X			
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95	X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ( )	199.45	X			
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[01]</b>	<b>-0-</b>