

RESOLUTION No. 2026-37

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF
PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP TO BUILD A WALL ON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM
NATION'S BORDER WITH MEXICO**

WHEREAS, the Mexico-United States border region is a beautiful, diverse, and unique place where people and wildlife from north and south live side-by-side in relative peace and harmony among some of our continent's most cherished and spectacular landscapes; and

WHEREAS, in February 2017, the Tohono O'odham Nation Legislative Council adopted Resolution 17-053 and the National Congress of American Indians adopted Resolution #ECWS-17-002, both of which oppose the construction of a border wall on tribal lands without the consent of affected tribal authorities and find that a continuous wall on the border would: further divide historic tribal lands and communities; prevent tribal members from making traditional crossings for domestic, ceremonial, and religious purposes; prevent wildlife from conducting migrations essential for survival and a healthy existence; injure endangered species and culturally significant plants; militarize tribes' pastoral borderlands; and disturb or destroy tribal archeology, sacred sites, and ancestral remains; and

WHEREAS, in June 2017, the Pima County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 2017-37, in opposition to the executive order of President Donald Trump to build a wall along the United States border with Mexico and cited the opposition from the Tohono O'odham Nation to a border wall on their lands; and

WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation has continued to work with federal authorities to implement a modern, robust, and dynamic border security system on its lands including but not limited to forward operating bases for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, vehicle barriers, Integrated Fixed Sensor Towers, the all-Native Shadow Wolves tracking unit, and other measures; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these measures, detentions of people illegally crossing the border have dropped by over 95% in the past two years, an overwhelming success for the existing border security measures; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced its intention to build a wall across the Tohono O'odham Nation's border with Mexico, notwithstanding the requirements of federal law and the overwhelming opposition from tribes and local communities; and

WHEREAS, the existing border structures have caused substantial environmental damage, including catastrophic floods, erosion, degradation of public lands and facilities, blockage of normal wildlife migration corridors, and destruction of critically important wildlife habitat, all of which has contributed to harm of hundreds of border-region species, some of them endangered such as the jaguar and ocelot; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors affirms its support for the Tohono O'odham Nation's lawsuit to prevent a border wall on its lands:

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Deputy County Attorney