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Kiowa Tribe

Kiowa Indian Council (KIC)

Date: June 21, 2025

Red Buffalo Hall, Carnegie, OK

Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0001-2025

Date Submitted: 05/04/2025 Date Posted: 05/22/2025 Date Approved:

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED INITIATIVES, ENROLLMENT CHANGES, AND BUDGET ACTIONS, AND SUPPORTING THE KIOWA TRIBE ANNUAL BUDGET TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023

**WHEREAS:** The KIC and its collective Tribal Members of the Kiowa Tribe in practicing its Constitutional right organized under the Constitution approved by Tribal Membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 3(b) of the Constitution "The Council shall have the following powers; provided, that no such action of the Council shall become effective until the voters approve such matter in a subsequent election"; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with Article V, Section 3(b); "(i) The Council shall have the power to set policy for the Tribe; (ii) The Council shall have the Power to authorize the Chairman to enter into treaties, compacts, or contracts, and such authorization may include the power to waive Sovereign Immunity; (iii) The Council shall have the power to initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of a proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution"; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with the requirements and powers granted under Article V-Kiowa Indian Council, Section 3 Reserved Powers. We, the [Kiowa] people of the Kiowa Tribe, pursuant to our inherent sovereignty and under the guidance of Dau:k'i (God), seek to improve, promote, and maintain our [Kiowa] language, culture, traditions, and the independence of our [Kiowa] people, to guarantee individual rights and freedom of religion, to preserve our right of self-government, to promote the social and economic welfare of our [Kiowa] members, and to utilize, increase, and protect our [Kiowa] tribal resources, maintain peace and order, and safeguard individual rights, do herby establish and submit the following resolution; and

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WHEREAS, over the years, numerous proposed resolutions and amendments have been submitted by members of the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, and the Kiowa Indian Council (KIC), many of which—whether approved in the past or pending future approval—require funding for their implementation and ongoing maintenance; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the relative merits of such proposals, actions seeking to expand financial assistance, housing, education, emergency relief, and other social service programs inherently impose additional financial obligations on the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, these proposals frequently lack critical financial disclosures, including total projected cost, identification of funding sources, and assessments of the potential impact on existing tribal programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe faces an essential question as to whether new funding sources will be identified to support such initiatives, or whether current, already-funded programs will need to be reduced or eliminated to accommodate the costs of new proposals; and

WHEREAS, members of the Kiowa Tribe have publicly expressed, through social media forums, interest in increasing tribal enrollment by modifying current eligibility requirements, including reducing blood quantum standards or recognizing lineage-based claims of membership; and

WHEREAS, any such changes in enrollment criteria—particularly those based on lineage—will have a significant impact on the financial resources available for distribution to members, absent the identification and acquisition of new funding sources; and

WHEREAS, nearly one-half of the Tribe's declared enrollment resides in District 7, whose citizens have advocated for equal eligibility to tribal benefits, potentially increasing the number of benefit recipients, although no data has been publicly provided to demonstrate whether such a change would be beneficial or detrimental to the Tribe over time; and

WHEREAS, no comprehensive public data has been provided to detail the projected increase in enrollment, the financial resources necessary to support such an expansion, or the administrative costs associated with managing a substantially larger tribal membership base; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of tribal citizens have advocated for the implementation of per capita payments as an alternative to current benefit structures, citing concerns about the transparency and management of revenues generated from tribal enterprises, including casino operations; and

WHEREAS, such financial constraints, if not addressed, would limit the funds available not only for direct distribution to members but also for existing Kiowa government departments, programs, and expenditures supported by those revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Tribe's annual operating budget is primarily reliant upon federal funding, which is currently under review due to an active federal investigation into allegations of financial mismanagement, including but not limited to: misappropriation of funds, unauthorized expenditures, questionable salary increases, improper travel, and the unilateral creation of government positions with associated compensation; and

WHEREAS, these allegations—whether substantiated or unsubstantiated—have diminished public trust in tribal governance and underscore the urgent need for transparency, accountability, and comprehensive fiscal reform across all branches of tribal government; and

WHEREAS, given the current national political climate and growing scrutiny of tribal fiscal practices, there is no reasonable expectation of increased federal financial assistance, and the Tribe risks reductions in funding or federal penalties should any wrongdoing be confirmed; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Tribe has failed to discharge the constitutional obligation to prepare and submit an annual budget to the Legislature by February 1st, as required under Article VII, Section 4(a) of the Kiowa Tribal Constitution, thereby compounding concerns regarding the transparency and timeliness of tribal financial operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that any proposal submitted to the Kiowa Indian Council or Legislature that involves expanded enrollment, changes in benefit eligibility, creation of new programs, or reallocation of funds from the approved annual budget—including proposals affecting casino operations, use of casino revenues, or newly received federal funding—must include, at a minimum:

- 1. A comprehensive **impact assessment** shall be conducted, identifying the necessary funding level and administrative capacity required for the implementation of new initiatives and business ventures, the expansion of existing programs, and consideration related to projected population growth.
- 2. A transparent budget plan identifying funding sources and ensuring no compromise to existing essential programs.
- 3. A disclosure statement explaining how the initiative will be sustainably financed over time.
- 4. Clearly identified **fiscal effects** on current tribal programs or expenditures, including potential reductions or eliminations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby supports and affirms the intent and principles of the *Kiowa Tribe Annual Budget Transparency Act of 2023*,

and further adopts this resolution as an official expression of the Council's request for increased transparency and a clearer understanding of the formulation and structure of the Kiowa Tribe's annual budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall not be construed to conflict with any provision of the Kiowa Constitution or existing tribal law and shall remain in full force and effect unless and until it is amended, modified, or rescinded by subsequent resolution duly adopted by the Kiowa Indian Council.

2025 SPECIAL KIOWA INDIAN-COUNCIL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE  Chairperson
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ATTEST:
Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. KIC-CY-000-3675
CERTIFICATION
The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the 21 day of 2025, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For: 52 Opposed: 10 Abstention: 32

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

#### Kiowa Tribe

Kiowa Indian Council (KIC)

Date: June 21, 2025

Red Buffalo Hall, Carnegie, OK

Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0002-2025

Date Submitted: 05/5/2025 Date Posted: 05/22/2025 Date Approved:

SUBJECT: Kiowa Cultural and Community Center Proposal

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WHEREAS: the Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation since time immemorial and is federally recognized as a Tribal Government by the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe is organized under the Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and,

WHEREAS: Article V, section 3(b) of the Constitution grants the Kiowa Indian Council the power to set policy for the Tribe, and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution

WHEREAS: We, the members of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe, under the authority granted to the Kiowa Indian Council by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, in order to preserve for ourselves and our children the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, governed under the laws of the Kiowa Constitution, to preserve Kiowa cultural values, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and,

WHEREAS: The KCA land located closest to Highland Park Cemetery is constantly been given more land for burial sites and is encroaching on KCA lands with no resistance from the KCA Land Use Committee opposing the loss of KCA lands.

WHEREAS: The City of Lawton is taking KCA Lands and looking to develop on KCA Lands. Lawton City Council has gained KCA lands that do not benefit KCA. The City of Lawton denies treaty water rights and hunting rights on KCA lands in the Wichita Mountains. KCA owns 360,000 acres of land and we are continually giving away our rights and lands written in its treaty.

**WHEREAS:** The Kiowa Tribe has no projects and no presence in Lawton/Ft. Sill or much history in the KCA Reservation lands.

WHEREAS: The members of the Kiowa Indian Council hereby; make a proposal to use five acres of land located at the corner of Cache Road and Ft. Sill Boulevard be set aside

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for the Kiowa Tribe to develop a Kiowa Community Center consisting of business opportunities including a convention center, an outside stage for entertainment, a Kiowa Reservation Museum dedicated to Kiowa Reservation life, and lecture offices.

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe has no presence in KCA lands. Nearly non-existent or to preserve our cultural and traditional past. The population of Lawton, OK is 90,351 people with 3 high schools and elementary schools. The project can generate economic, community awareness, and financial opportunities.

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED; hereby make a proposal to use three to five acres of KCA land located at the corner of Cache Road and Ft. Sill Boulevard, Lawton, Oklahoma to be set aside by the KCA land Use Committee for use of the Kiowa Tribe to develop a Kiowa Community Center Project. The project to consist of business opportunities to help the economic, cultural and community awareness opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of the Kjowa tribe until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

(2025) KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

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Chairperson
ATTEST: Cecelin Morable
Secretary,
Kiowa Indian Council
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. KIC-CY-0007-2025
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the M day of One, 2025, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For: 148 Opposed: 15 Abstention: 26

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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#### Kiowa Tribe

Kiowa Indian Council (KIC)

Date: June 21, 2025

Red Buffalo Hall, Carnegie, OK

Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0003-2025

Date Submitted:05/5/2025 Date Posted: 05/22/2025 Date Approved:

SUBJECT: BLOOD QUANTUM BY DESCENDANCY

WHEREAS: the Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation since time immemorial and is federally recognized as a Tribal Government by the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe is organized under the Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and,

WHEREAS: Article V, section 3(b) of the Constitution grants the Kiowa Indian Council the power to set policy for the Tribe, and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution

WHEREAS: We, the members of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe, under the authority granted to the Kiowa Indian Council by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, in order to preserve for ourselves and our children the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, governed under the laws of the Kiowa Constitution, to preserve Kiowa cultural values, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and,

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe has a slow growth rate due to blood quantum thru inter-racial marriages, adoption and inter-tribal blood. This lack of growth has led to lack of more funding in federal and state grants and scholarships; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Kiowa Tribe has a 1/4 degree of blood quantum and in recent years has lost nearly 4,000 members who have changed to other tribal roles to meet economical and educational need; and,

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe have descendants who do not qualify to inherit Kiowa lands because they do not meet the requirements of blood quantum. Therefore, the tribal members and future descendants are denied a right of inheritance to lands and are reverting to the tribe; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Kiowa Constitution criteria to be an enrolled Kiowa Tribal Member reads Article IV - Membership

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(b) Descendants of persons identified in Section (1) of this Article shall be eligible for enrollment; provided, they file an application through the Enrollment office and provide descendancy based on the current Kiowa Tribe rolls or (b) prove descendancy of an original allottee. Enrollment will process applications and send a list of applicants to the Legislature for approval or denial.

**NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** the members of the Kiowa Indian Council hereby; make a constitutional change of membership requirements by descendancy to benefit the tribe in additional funding, educational, cultural and land protection of the tribe and will limit the need for future constitutional changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, presented at a Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council, and that no such action of the Council shall become effective until the voters approve such matter in a subsequent election; shall, initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of the proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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#### KIOWA TRIBE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 21, 2025

RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK **RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-0004-2025** 

PNO 110/3/213 DATE RECEIVED: <u>05/05/2025</u> POSTED: <u>05/22/2025</u> DATE APPROVED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SUBJECT: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KIOWA TRIBE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KIOWA CASINO OPERATIONS AUTHORITY ("KCOA") TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE LOAN AGREEMENT FOR EXPANSION OF KIOWA CASINO & HOTEL AND GRANT SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO **PERMIT** THE OF LIMITED WAIVER ENFORCEMENT OF LOAN OBLIGATIONS OF THE KCOA.

The Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation since time immemorial and is federally WHEREAS: recognized as a Tribal Government by the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe is organized under the Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 3(b)(ii) of the Constitution grants the Kiowa Indian Council the power to authorize the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe to enter into treaties, compacts, or contracts, including the power to waive sovereign immunity; and

The Kiowa Indian Council is the governing body with authority to approve WHEREAS: financial matters related to tribal enterprises, including Kiowa Casino & Hotel; and

The Kiowa Casino & Hotel, under the management of the Kiowa Casino WHEREAS: Operations Authority (KCOA), has demonstrated significant growth and economic contribution to the Kiowa Tribe, providing revenue, employment opportunities, and community development; and

The expansion of the Kiowa Casino & Hotel, including additional hotel rooms, WHEREAS: gaming floor space, amenities, and infrastructure improvement, is projected to increase revenue, enhance guest experiences, and strengthen the Tribe's long-term economic sustainability; and

A loan in the amount of Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) is necessary to WHEREAS: complete the project, including design, construction, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and related expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe and the Chairman of the KCOA to negotiate and

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execute a new loan agreement to finance the expansion of the Kiowa Casino & Hotel, in total amount not to exceed Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) and which loan agreement may include: (1) limited waiver of sovereign immunity to permit enforcement of the loan obligations of the KCOA against only the assets of the KCOA, and that will not permit any enforcement against assets owned in the name of the Kiowa Tribe, (2) an authorization for the Chairman of the Tribe and the Chairman of the KCOA to execute loan documents, the terms of which are in accordance with this resolution, (3) an authorization for the KCOA to sue and be sued in the KCOA's name, (4) an authorization of the KCOA to consent to the exercise of jurisdiction over any suit or action arising under the loan agreements to be approved hereunder by the courts of the Kiowa Tribe or any court to which appeals from the foregoing courts may be taken, (5) a consent to binding arbitration or litigation or any other form of dispute resolution as a means for resolving any disputes arising under any loan agreements approved in accordance with this resolution; and (6) the foregoing limited waiver of sovereign immunity, authorizations, and consents shall be for the duration of the loan agreement, as the term of such loan agreement and loan documents may be amended, extended, renewed, or otherwise modified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the KCOA is authorized to proceed with project implementation, including securing necessary contracts, permits, and approvals in accordance with tribal, federal, and state regulations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Kiowa Indian Council.

2025 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairperson

Secretary,
Kiowa Indian Council
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. KIC - CY-DOOU- 3035

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian
Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting
held on the $2$ day of $9$ , $20$ , and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the
affirmative vote: For: 82 Opposed: 10 Abstention: 23

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Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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KIOWA TRIBE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 21, 2025

RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-0005-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: <u>05/06/2025</u> POSTED: <u>05/22/2025</u> DATE APPROVED:

SUBJECT: Tornado siren & above ground walk in storm shelter for all rural Kiowa churches.

WHEREAS: the Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation since time immemorial and is federally recognized as a Tribal Government by the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**: The Kiowa Tribe is organized under a constitution approved by tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and,

WHEREAS: Article V, section 3(b) of the Constitution grants the Kiowa Indian Council the power to set policy for the Tribe, and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution

WHEREAS: We, the members of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe, under the authority granted to the Kiowa Indian Council by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, in order to preserve for ourselves and our children the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, governed under the laws of the Kiowa Constitution, to preserve Kiowa cultural values, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS: For the safety of the Kiowa rural residents a tornado siren and an above ground walk in storm shelter would be placed at each rural Kiowa church. The Kiowa churches that are within the city limits would benefit from a storm shelter. Each storm shelter would be above a ground walk in with a maximum capacity of 50 people. It would protect residents during extreme-wind events such as tornados and any other natural disaster. Tornado sirens will be located at rural churches which will be monitored by the local county officials, such as the Emergency Management Department. They activate the outdoor warning sirens based on Nation Weather Service (NWS). Funding could be available through the Kiowa tribal housing, USDA program, Natural Resource Conservation and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) these departments provide services related to disaster assistance programs and more.

**WHEREAS:** The purpose of this resolution is in reference to the Budget & Transparency Act of 2023 in which a line item could be included within the annual budget. This line

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item would cover expenses for this resolution. Also, the Kiowa Tribe sponsorship Act of 2023, where the tribe may sponsor assistance as they do with the Kiowa churches for the need of storm shelters.

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby; formally requests, in tandem with the Kiowa Tribe Sponsorship Act of 2023, that funds be allocated to assist in acquiring financial assistance for storm shelters to be placed at each rural Kiowa Church for the protection and safety of those that may not have access to a storm shelter where they reside.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED; that this resolution shall be the policy of the Kiowa Tribe until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

> 2025 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL OF THE KIOWA TRIBE Chairperson

ATTEST: Coulin M Gratizo

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. <u>KIC</u> - CY - 0005-2025

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the day of Que, 2025, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For: 11,6 Opposed: 13 Abstention:

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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### KIOWA TRIBE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING DATE: June 21, 2025

RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-0006-2025

DATE RECEIVED: 05/06/2025 POSTED: 05/22/2025 DATE APPROVED:

SUBJECT:

QUALIFYING MEMBERSHIP KIOWA INDIAN BLOOD REQUIREMENT

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**WHEREAS:** the Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation since time immemorial and is federally recognized as a Tribal Government by the United States; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Kiowa Tribe is organized under the Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS:** Article V, section 3(b) of the Constitution grants the Kiowa Indian Council the power to set policy for the Tribe, and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution

**WHEREAS:** We, the members of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe, under the authority granted to the Kiowa Indian Council by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, in order to preserve for ourselves and our children the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, governed under the laws of the Kiowa Constitution, to preserve Kiowa cultural values, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS: ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH B OF THE KIOWA TRIBE CONSTITUTION DATED APRIL 17, 2017 STATES "DESCENDANTS OF PERSONS IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 1(A) OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT; PROVIDED, THEY FILE AN APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT WITH THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND POSSESS AT LEAST ONE-FOURTH DEGREE KIOWA INDIAN AND/OR KIOWA CAPTIVE BLOOD. UPON DETERMINATION BY THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE TRIBE."

WHEREAS: THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT OF POSSESSING AT LEAST ONE-FOURTH DEGREE KIOWA INDIAN AND/OR KIOWA CAPTIVE BLOOD IS PROGRESSIVELY MINIMIZING TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND WILL LEAD TO THE END OF OUR SOVEREIGN NATION.

WHEREAS: THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT OF POSSESSING AT LEAST ONE-FOURTH DEGREE KIOWA INDIAN AND/OR KIOWA CAPTIVE BLOOD DOES NOT PROMOTE THE COMMON GOOD AND WELL BEING FOR THE TRIBE, IT DOES NOT PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR CULTURE AND TRADITIONS, IT DOES NOT PROTECT LAND, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES, IT DOES NOT PROMOTE NOR PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE, IT DOES NOT ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE, IT DOES NOT FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IT DOES NOT PROTECT THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERS, IT DOES NOT PROMOTE SELF-GOVERNMENT AND EUNSURE THE POLITICAL INTEGRITY OF THE TRIBE, IT DOES NOT PRESERVE, SECURE NOR EXERCISE ALL THE INHERENT SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND POWERS OF OUR TRIBE.

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby; AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH B OF THE KIOWA TRIBE CONSTITUTION DATED APRIL 17, 2017 TO STATE AS FOLLOWS: "DESCENDANTS OF PERSONS IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 1(A) OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT; PROVIDED, THEY FILE AN APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT WITH THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND POSSESS AT LEAST ONE-EIGHTH DEGREE KIOWA INDIAN AND/OR KIOWA CAPTIVE BLOOD. UPON DETERMINATION BY THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE TRIBE."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution, presented at a [Annual/Special] Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council held on [insert date] and approved by majority vote and that no such action of the Council shall become effective until the voters approve such matter in a subsequent election; shall, be the policy of the Kiowa Tribe, authorize the Chairman to enter into (insert specific agreement), or initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of the proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Kiowa Tribe until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

# 2025 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairperson

ATTEST: Ceclay Dalle

Secretary,

Kiowa Indian Council
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO.  $\cancel{\text{KIC}}$  -  $\cancel{\text{CV}}$  -  $\cancel{\text{DOO}}$  -  $\cancel{\text{JOO}}$  -  $\cancel{\text{JOO}}$  5

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Annual Kiowa Indian Council Meeting or Special Meeting held on the 21 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_\_ L

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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KIOWA TRIBE

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2025

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RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK **RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-0007-2025** 

DATE RECEIVED: 05/7/2025 POSTED: 05/22/2025 DATE APPROVED:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIV-AMENDMENTS, SECTION 2.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSAGE.

Change "a majority vote of the voters who vote in the Special Election" to "a majority vote of the registered voters who vote in the Special Election".

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Remove "provided, that at least thirty percent of the voters cast a vote in the Special Election".

The Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation since time immemorial and is federally WHEREAS: recognized as a Tribal Government by the United States; and,

The Kiowa Tribe is organized under the Constitution approved by tribal WHEREAS: membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and,

ARTICLE V, Section 3. Reserved Powers. (b) of the Constitution grants the WHEREAS: Kiowa Indian Council the power to set policy for the Tribe, and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution.

We, the members of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe, under the authority granted to the Kiowa Indian Council by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, in order to preserve for ourselves and our children the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, governed under the laws of the Kiowa Constitution, to preserve Kiowa cultural values, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

> ARTICLE XIV-AMENDMENTS, Section 2. Requirements for Passage. states "The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the voters who vote in the Special Election; provided, that at least thirty percent of the voters cast a vote in the Special Election." Mich Les

SUBJECT:

WHEREAS:

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WHEREAS: There has not been a Constitutional amendment since the new Constitution

became effective in 2017.

WHEREAS: The requirement to pass a Constitutional amendment includes "at least thirty

percent of the voters cast a vote in the Special Election." This benchmark is vague, too high, is a block, and prevents any amendment to the Constitution.

The use of the word "voters" is not specific as to type (registered or eligible).

WHEREAS: When the benchmark of thirty percent is not reached, it will prevent approval

of a proposed amendment, even when a resolution has been approved by Kiowa Indian Council members during a valid Council meeting and could be

approved at Special Election.

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED; ARTICLE XIV-AMENDMENTS, Section 2, Requirements for Passage., shall be amended as follows: "The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the registered voters who vote in the Special Election. Amendments approved by the registered voters shall become effective immediately unless otherwise indicated in the amendment."

NOW THERFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; In accordance with ARTICLE V-KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, Section 3. Reserved Powers (b) (iii), "The Council shall have the power to initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of a proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution."

NOW THERFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; Shall the Kiowa Indian Council vote to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of this proposed amendment along with the question of whether this proposed amendment should be placed before the registered voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of the Constitution?

#### NOW THERFORE BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED;

The Election Commission shall call and hold a Special Election to amend the Constitution within ninety days of receipt of a request from the Council, pursuant to approval by the voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Kiowa Tribe until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

Sponsor: Robert Hatfield Co-Sponsor: Kyle Ataddlety

2025 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Clearly, Kiowa Indian Council
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Annual Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the day of the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote:

For: 1 Opposed: Abstention: 5

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The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council weeting held on the duly called Annual Kiowa Indian Council Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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Kiowa Indian Council (KIC)

Date: June 21, 2025

Red Buffalo Hall, Carnegie, OK

Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0008-2025

Date Submitted: <u>05/07/2025</u> Date Posted: <u>05/22/2025</u> Date Approved:

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SUBJECT: A Resolution Proposing the "KIC-starter Amendment" to the Kiowa Tribe Constitution to (1) Clarify Application & Publication Deadlines for KIC Coordinator Selection, (2) Establish a Vacancy Clause for the KIC Coordinator, and (3) Create a Backup Mechanism for Calling KIC Special Meetings

**WHEREAS:** The KIC and its collective Tribal Members of the Kiowa Tribe in practicing its Constitutional right organized under the Constitution approved by Tribal Membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 3(b) of the Constitution "The Council shall have the following powers; provided, that no such action of the Council shall become effective until the voters approve such matter in a subsequent election"; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with Article V, Section 3(b); "(i) The Council shall have the power to set policy for the Tribe; (ii) The Council shall have the Power to authorize the Chairman to enter into treaties, compacts, or contracts, and such authorization may include the power to waive Sovereign Immunity; (iii) The Council shall have the power to initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of a proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution"; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with the requirements and powers granted under Article V-Kiowa Indian Council, Section 3 Reserved Powers. We, the [Kiowa] people of the Kiowa Tribe pursuant to our inherent sovereignty and under the guidance of Dàu:k'í (God), seek to improve, promote, and maintain our [Kiowa] language, culture, traditions, and the independence of our [Kiowa] people, to guarantee individual rights and freedom of religion, to preserve our right of self-government, to promote the social and economic welfare of our [Kiowa] members, and to utilize, increase, and protect our [Kiowa] tribal resources, maintain peace and order, and safeguard individual rights, do herby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe ("Tribe") adopted a Constitution that establishes the Kiowa Indian Council ("KIC") as a separate branch of tribal government and provides for a part-time KIC Coordinator under Article V, Section 2(a); and

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 2(a) creates the office of a part-time KIC Coordinator and states that the Coordinator may be selected "at the Annual Meeting of the Council or at a Special Meeting of the Council as needed," but the subsequent sentences reference only the "Annual Meeting," thereby creating ambiguity regarding the application and publication deadlines when a Coordinator is selected at a Special Meeting; and

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 4(b) currently requires the Coordinator to call and publish notice of any Special Meeting requested by six (6) Legislators or a petition of at least four hundred (400) adult KIC members, but the Constitution does not set forth a process if the Coordinator's office is vacant, incapacitated, or fails to act; and

WHEREAS: The absence or inaction of a Coordinator can create a procedural deadlock, preventing the KIC from convening, exercising its reserved powers, or filling the vacancy in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS: The KIC desires to ensure continuity of governance, preserve transparency, and avoid future delays by establishing a clear vacancy clause and an alternative method for calling Special Meetings when the Coordinator is unable or unwilling to perform those duties;

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby proposes the following amendment to the Kiowa Tribe Constitution (referred to as the "KIC-starter Amendment") and directs that it be submitted to the tribal electorate for ratification in accordance with the Constitution:

#### Proposed Amendment Language

a. Clarification of Application & Publication Deadlines for Coordinator Selection Amend Article V, Section 2(a) (third and fourth sentences) to remove the ambiguity between Annual and Special meetings as follows (additions in *italics*, deletions in strikethrough):

"Members of the Tribe interested in serving in the position of Coordinator shall submit an application to the Chairman at least sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Council at which the Coordinator is to be selected. The Chairman shall publish all applications for Coordinator at least thirty days prior to the Annual respective Meeting of the Council."

#### b. Vacancy Clause

Add a new subsection Article V, Section 2(c) entitled "Vacancy in Office of the KIC Coordinator":

- "(c) Vacancy in the Office of the KIC Coordinator.
- (i) If the office of the KIC Coordinator becomes vacant for any reason, including resignation, removal, permanent incapacity, or death, the Legislature shall appoint a qualified Interim Coordinator within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.
- (ii) The Interim Coordinator shall exercise all powers and duties of the KIC Coordinator, including calling and publishing notices of Kiowa Indian Council Meetings, until a permanent Coordinator is selected.
- (iii) A permanent Coordinator may be chosen either (1) at the next Annual Meeting, or (2) at a Special Meeting convened solely for that purpose, in each case following the application and notice procedures set forth in Article V, Section 2(a).
- (iv) Applicants for the permanent position at such Special Meeting shall comply with the same submission and publication time frames required for the Annual Meeting, unless otherwise provided by law.
- (v) The Interim Coordinator shall serve until the newly elected Coordinator assumes the duties of the office."

#### c. Backup Authority to Call Special Meetings

Amend Article V, Section 4(b) by adding the following paragraph at the end of the subsection:

"If the Coordinator fails to issue notice of the Special Meeting within ten (10) days after receipt of a valid request made in accordance with this Section, the Legislature shall have authority to call and publish notice of such Special Meeting in accordance with this Section. Any reference in this Constitution to the 'Coordinator' calling a Special Meeting shall be deemed to include the Legislature acting under this provision."

#### d. Renumbering and Conforming Amendments

The articles, sections, and subsections of the Kiowa Tribe Constitution are hereby renumbered or reformatted as necessary to incorporate this Amendment in a consistent manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, presented at a Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council held and approved by majority vote and that no such action of the Council shall become effective until the voters approve such matter in a subsequent election; shall initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of the proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution.

(2025) KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairperson

ATTEST: Coc. L.: Market Market

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the 21 day of 2025, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For: 167 Opposed: 3 Abstention: 2

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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KIOWA TRIBE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING

June 29th, 2025

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RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK

RESOLUTION No. KIC-CY-0009-2025

DATE RECEIVED: 05/7/2025 POSTED: 05/22/2025 DATE APPROVED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL INITIATING THE PROCESS OF CALLING OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE KIOWA CONSTITUION OF 2017 CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Indian Council is a branch of the Kiowa tribal government composed of all Members of the Tribe age eighteen and older;

WHEREAS, and the Kiowa Indian Council is empowered to represent the Kiowa people through the exercise of those reserved powers delineated at Article V, Section 3 of the Kiowa Constitution of 2017, along with those powers not otherwise explicitly delegated to, or implied in the other branches of the Kiowa Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, and the Kiowa Indian Council has heard from many elder Kiowa members who desire that changes be made to the Kiowa Constitution to allow many of their children and grandchildren not presently eligible for membership to become eligible to enroll for membership; and the Kiowa Indian Council is cognizant of the fact that due to marriage outside the Kiowa and Kiowa Captive bloodlines, the blood quantum of our Kiowa people continues to decline, leading to the elimination of many young Kiowa people from being eligible to be admitted to our membership; and

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Indian Council recognizes that tribal membership numbers will also continue to decline unless we act to open our membership to more of our young people who are critical to our struggle to preserve our language, our customs and our Kiowa way; and

**NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** That the Kiowa Indian Council hereby approves the following Amendment question to be placed on ballot, Article IV Membership, Section 1, Qualifying Membership Exhibit A. Amendment NO. 2 Exhibit B and NO.1. Exhibit C Amendment NO.3 Article IV Membership

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

Be amended to read:

EXHIBIT A AMENDMENT NO. 1 ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Current language:

(a) "Section 1. Qualifying Membership. The membership of the Tribe shall consist of the following persons, regardless of their residence: (a) Upon approval of this Constitution,

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all original allottees of Kiowa Indian blood and/or Kiowa Captive blood shall be entitled to be enrolled as Members of the Tribe; provided, they are not disqualified for membership under Section 6 of this Article". (The opening phrase of this provision is no longer needed or appropriate to maintain with the desired changes. As such, the body of part (a) above is to be replaced by the following)

#### Newly proposed language:

(a) "Section 1. All original allottees of Kiowa Indian blood and/or Kiowa Captive blood shall be entitled to be enrolled as Members of the Tribe; provided, they are not disqualified for membership under Section 6 of this Article."

#### EXHIBIT B AMENDMENT NO. 2 ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

#### Current language:

(b) "Section 2. Allottee Blood Quantum. All persons identified in Section 1(a) of this Article shall be deemed to possess four-fourths degree Kiowa Indian and/or Kiowa Captive blood for the purposes of computing eligibility of their descendants for membership under Section 1(b) of this Article". (This provision should be changed to address the status of all persons who are Members of the Kiowa Tribe and not just Allottees to avoid confusion and the potential for conflicting interpretations. The title is modified, and the body of Section 2 is replaced by the following)

#### Newly proposed language:

(b) "Section 2. Blood Quantum/Degree. All persons who are Members of the Kiowa Tribe on the date of the adoption of this Amendment #2 to the Kiowa Constitution of 2017 shall be deemed to possess four-fourths degree of Kiowa Indian and/or Kiowa Captive blood for the purposes of computing the eligibility of their descendants for membership under Section 1(b) of this Article."

#### EXHIBIT C AMENDMENT NO. 3 ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

#### Current language:

(c) "Section 3. Acceptable Evidence. Persons whose parent or parents are not recorded on official records as Kiowa Indian(s) or Kiowa Captive(s) must prove by other acceptable evidence that they possess the required degree of Kiowa Indian and/or Kiowa Captive blood. Changes in degree of Indian blood from that shown in any records may be made in accordance with procedures established by the Legislature by law; provided, that any changes in blood degree shall be subject to the approval of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or its authorized representative". (The last sentence of this provision is outdated, as the Bureau of Indian Affairs no longer has final authority over the determination of the membership of the Kiowa Tribe, or amendments to the Kiowa Constitution. Section 3 will be replaced with the following new Section 3 which places this responsibility on the Kiowa Tribal Enrollment Office.)

#### Newly proposed language:

#### KIOWA TRIBE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Original date read as follows: June 29th, 2025

Motioned edit, approved, and revised to the following date: June 21st, 2025

#### RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK

RESOLUTION No. KIC-CY-0009-2025

#### DATE RECEIVED: <u>05/7/2025</u> POSTED: <u>05/22/2025</u> DATE APPROVED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL INITIATING THE PROCESS OF CALLING OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE KIOWA CONSTITUION OF 2017 CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Indian Council is a branch of the Kiowa tribal government composed of all Members of the Tribe age eighteen and older;

WHEREAS, and the Kiowa Indian Council is empowered to represent the Kiowa people through the exercise of those reserved powers delineated at Article V, Section 3 of the Kiowa Constitution of 2017, along with those powers not otherwise explicitly delegated to, or implied in the other branches of the Kiowa Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, and the Kiowa Indian Council has heard from many elder Kiowa members who desire that changes be made to the Kiowa Constitution to allow many of their children and grandchildren not presently eligible for membership to become eligible to enroll for membership; and the Kiowa Indian Council is cognizant of the fact that due to marriage outside the Kiowa and Kiowa Captive bloodlines, the blood quantum of our Kiowa people continues to decline, leading to the elimination of many young Kiowa people from being eligible to be admitted to our membership; and

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Indian Council recognizes that tribal membership numbers will also continue to decline unless we act to open our membership to more of our young people who are critical to our struggle to preserve our language, our customs and our Kiowa way; and

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That the Kiowa Indian Council hereby approves the following Amendment question to be placed on ballot, Article IV Membership, Section 1, Qualifying Membership Exhibit A. Amendment NO. 2 Exhibit B and NO.1. Exhibit C Amendment NO.3 Article IV Membership

#### NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

Be amended to read:

#### EXHIBIT A AMENDMENT NO. 1 ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

#### Current language:

(a) "Section 1. Qualifying Membership. The membership of the Tribe shall consist of the following persons, regardless of their residence: (a) Upon approval of this Constitution,

(c) "Section 3. Acceptable Evidence. Persons whose parent or parents are not recorded on official records as Kiowa Indian(s) or Kiowa Captive(s) must prove by other acceptable evidence that they possess the required degree of Kiowa Indian and/or Kiowa Captive blood. Changes in degree of Indian blood from that shown in any records may be made in accordance with procedures established by the Legislature by law; provided, that any changes in blood quantum or degree shall be subject to the approval of the Kiowa Tribal Enrollment Office or its authorized representative in accordance with this provision and applicable tribal law."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, presented at the meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council held on June 29th, 2025 and approved by majority vote to initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to place before the voters the text of the proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters at a subsequent election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this constitution.

"Shall the Constitution be amended with Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Article IV Section 1, 2 and 3? "

> Sponsor: Kyle Ataddlety Co-Sponsor: Tiya Rosario

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ATTEST: Collin Mas lite

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. LIC: -CY-0009-2025

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the 21 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 3, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote:

For: 112 Opposed: 48 Abstention: 23

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#### **KIOWA TRIBE**

#### KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2025

KIOWA TRIBAL COMPLEX, CARNEGIE, OK

**RESOLUTION NUMBER:** KIC-CY-0010-2025

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DATE RECEIVED: 05/7/2025 POSTED: 05/22/2025 DATE APPROVED:

SUBJECT: KIC Requires Kiowa Legislature to Create a Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) in 2025

**WHEREAS:** the Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation since time immemorial and is federally recognized as a Tribal Government by the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**: The Kiowa Tribe is organized under the Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS**: Article V, section 3(b) of the Constitution grants the Kiowa Indian Council the power to set policy for the Tribe, and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS: We, the members of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe, under the authority granted to the Kiowa Indian Council by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, in order to preserve for ourselves and our children the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, governed under the laws of the Kiowa Constitution, to preserve Kiowa cultural values, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Kiowa Tribe Constitution authorizes the Kiowa Legislature to create a RAP to allow distribution of casino profit to various program services, including a per capita payment to tribal members all of which is allowed in the Kiowa Constitution approved in 2017:

**WHEREAS:** The Kiowa Indian Council mandates and requires the Legislature with appropriate Executive Branch input to complete a RAP in the year 2025 that identifies gaming revenue profit by percent distribution, such as Social Services, Housing, Education, Health, Casino Improvement/Expansion, and Per Capita Payment.

**WHEREAS:** The Legislature and Chairman, Kiowa Tribe shall have more control of gaming/casino profit and its distribution.

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe shall be more informed of the gaming revenue/profit and distribution.

WHEREAS: the above subject resolution passed by the Kiowa Indian Council on June 21, 2025 shall be placed on a ballot by the Kiowa Election Commission within the time frame allowed.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

That the Kiowa Indian Council hereby; makes the above resolution in order to protect family cohesion, cultural and traditional integrity, language growth, tribal sovereignty, tribal government status, self-determination, health, and welfare of the Kiowa people; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution to mandate the creation of a RAP in 2025 can also allow a distribution of casino/gaming revenue in case of a pandemic shall be the policy of the Kiowa Tribe until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

2025 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairperson

ATTEST: Cecelia M Do Bote

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting on June 21, 2025 of the Kiowa Tribe; was presented at the duly called Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the 21st day of June 2025, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote:

For: 137 Opposed: Abstention: 30

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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## KIOWA TRIBE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING DATE June 21, 2025

RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-0011-2025

DATE RECEIVED: 05/7/2025 POSTED: 5/22/2025 DATE APPROVED:

SUBJECT:

A resolution to amend Article IV - Membership, Section 1. Of the Kiowa

Constitution

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation from time immemorial and is

federally recognized as a Tribal Government by the United States; and,

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe is organized under the Constitution approved by tribal

membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the

Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and,

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 3(b) of the Constitution grants the Kiowa Indian Council

the power to set policy for the Tribe, and the Council shall have all other

powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS: We, the members of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe, under the

authority granted to the Kiowa Indian Council by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, in order to preserve for ourselves and our children the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, governed under the laws of the Kiowa Constitution, to preserve Kiowa cultural values, and promote the health,

safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the

following resolution; and,

WHEREAS: We, members of the Kiowa Tribe, are descended from an ancient people from the

far north who survived war, pestilence, and westward settlement to reside on our

current land base in SW Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS: We are descendants of the survivors of catastrophic U.S. Indian policies of the

late 1800's and subsequent pacts including the General Allotment Act and the

Jerome Agreement; and,

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Constitution of 2017, Article IV - Membership, Sections 1 and 2

qualifies membership in the Tribe on the blood quantum of Original Allottees;

and,

WHEREAS: Today, many descendants of our great Kiowa warriors and leaders

do not meet the blood quantum requirement threshold of 1/4 set out in Article IV

Section 1 (b) of the 2017 Kiowa Constitution; and,

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**WHEREAS:** The preservation and continuation of our tribe has become of tantamount importance,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** A new part (c) will be added to Section 1. Qualifying Membership, under ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP of the Kiowa Constitution that will read:

(c) Any descendant of any Original Allottee or other unallotted family member who is recorded as a person of Kiowa Blood of any degree on the Kiowa Family Register from the first allotment in 1902 until the last allotment was recorded, shall be eligible for enrollment and recognition by the Kiowa Tribe as a member and addition to the roll regardless of Blood Quantum, to be effective immediately upon the passage of this amendment.

<b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> , that this resolution shall be the policy of the Kiowa Tribe until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.
2025 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE  Chairperson
ATTEST: <u>Quelli M Dritos</u> Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. <u>LIC-CY-0011-3035</u>
CERTIFICATION
The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the 2\day of, 2025, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For: Opposed: Abstention:

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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Kiowa Tribe

Kiowa Indian Council (KIC)

[June 21, 2025]

Red Buffalo Hall, Carnegie, OK

Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0012-2025

Date Submitted: 05/07/2025 Date Posted: 05/22/2025 Date Approved:

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO MAKE ADDITIONS TO THE KIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES/ AMEND ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 OF THE KIOWA CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION VIA LIVESTREAM OR VIDEO CONFERENCE IN ALL KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETINGS

**WHEREAS:** The KIC and its collective Tribal Members of the Kiowa Tribe in practicing its Constitutional right organized under the Constitution approved by Tribal Membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS: In accordance with the requirements and powers granted under Article V - Kiowa Indian Council, Section 3 Reserved Powers. We, the [Kiowa] people of the Kiowa Tribe pursuant to our inherent sovereignty and under the guidance of Dàu:k'í (God), seek to improve, promote, and maintain our [Kiowa] language, culture, traditions, and the independence of our [Kiowa] people, to guarantee individual rights and freedom of religion, to preserve our right of self-government, to promote the social and economic welfare of our [Kiowa] members, and to utilize, increase, and protect our [Kiowa] tribal resources, maintain peace and order, and safeguard individual rights, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 2(a) of the Kiowa Constitution establishes seven voting Districts, including District 7 (At-Large), thereby acknowledging the constitutional right of Kiowa tribal members residing both within and outside the eight-county range of the original Kiowa Reservation to participate in tribal governance; and

WHEREAS, many enrolled Kiowa members now reside within District 7; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 4 of the Kiowa Constitution mandates that an Annual Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council (KIC) be held each year for the purpose of conducting official tribal business; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 5(a) of the Kiowa Constitution currently defines a quorum as one hundred fifty (150) Members of the Tribe aged eighteen (18) or older; and

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WHEREAS, in recent years, the Annual and Special Council Meetings have repeatedly failed to achieve quorum due to low physical attendance, thereby delaying or preventing action on important tribal matters; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Kiowa Tribe to encourage and facilitate broader citizen participation in tribal governance to ensure democratic representation and effective decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of the Kiowa Tribe have routinely utilized video conferencing platforms (such as Zoom, Teams, etc.) to conduct official business, including the administration of Oaths of Office, enactment of legislation, and hearings; and

WHEREAS, internet access is widespread and regularly used by Kiowa tribal members, especially those residing in District 7; and

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Tribe has enacted the Kiowa Tribe Annual Budget Transparency Act of 2023, which establishes standards for fiscal accountability and transparency in budgeting processes, and provides a framework under which new initiatives requiring financial support must be properly justified, budgeted, and implemented; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of remote participation via video conference for all Kiowa Indian Council meetings will require the appropriation and allocation of sufficient funds to the KIC Coordinator and the Election Commission for the effective delivery and administration of this function, in alignment with the requirements and intent of the Kiowa Tribe Annual Budget Transparency Act of 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that only members presenting proof to the Council of being registered to vote in Kiowa Tribe elections may participate in Council proceedings; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby approves and supports; the amendment of Article V, Section 5(a) of the Kiowa Constitution to read as follows:

"A quorum of at least one hundred fifty (150) Members of the Tribe who are registered voters and participating either in person or via a live streamed video conference must be achieved before a Council meeting may be commenced."; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, KIC members joining Council meetings via video conference may fully participate by speaking, introducing resolutions, and voting, and all votes cast via video conference shall be counted equally as if cast in person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sufficient funds shall appropriately and in tandem with the Kiowa Tribe Annual Budget Transparency Act of 2023 be allocated within the Kiowa Tribe's

annual budget to the Kiowa Indian Council for the planning, implementation, technology infrastructure, training, and administrative needs required to carry out video-based participation, as requested by this proposed resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution, presented at a [Special] Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council held on [June 21, 2025] and approved by majority vote shall be part of the rules of order and procedure of the KIC. Additionally, this presented resolution approved by a majority vote and that no such action of the Council shall become effective until the voters approve such matter in a subsequent election; shall, initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of the proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution.

(2025) KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE
Chairperson
ATTEST: Caecelin M Dolle
Secretary,
Kiowa Indian Council KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. 100 12-2025
CERTIFICATION
The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by a 2025 Special Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the day of, 20, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For:, Opposed: & Abstention:
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Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

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