

Kiowa Indian Council (KIC)

April 4, 2026

Red Buffalo Hall, Carnegie, OK

Resolution Number: KIC-CY-XXX(# of Res.)-2026

Date Submitted: 2-18-2026 Date Posted: 3-5-2026 Date Approved:

SUBJECT: BLOOD QUANTUM BY DESCENDANCY

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 hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe has a slow growth rate. The population of the Kiowa Tribe in 1980 was 7,386 members. The Population of the Kiowa Tribe in 2025 is 10,309 enrolled members. Making the growth rate for the tribe of a total of .074% in 25 years. A slow growth rate is due to a constitutional requirement of a fractional blood quantum of ¼; interracial

marriages, deaths of tribal members, adoptions, no constitutional changes to decrease the blood quantum.

WHEREAS A loss of nearly 4,000 tribal members who have changed roles due to sudden lack of tribal financial assistance because of tribal internal governmental fighting resulting in their loss of funding and assistance for periods of time. Some members changed roles to receive benefits unavailable by lack of funding in both tribal and federal monies; assistance in programs and in grants and scholarships because of a fractionated blood quantum requirement of at least one-fourth degree of blood. Those tribal members went to other tribes seeking enrollment for assistance and benefits in programs and scholarships and grants, housing, and health care resulting in a depletion in tribal membership.

WHEREAS the Kiowa Tribe descendants are heir to Kiowa lands. Tribal members cannot leave lands to their heirs because of the constitutional fractional blood quantum of at least $\frac{1}{4}$ degree of blood limiting their heirs. Changes in federal regulations of land inheritance require that tribal lands left without heirs will be revert back to the Kiowa Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby; approves the following amendments to the Constitution and hereby approves the following amendments of Article IV – MEMBERSHIP: Section 1(a); Section 1(b); Section 2; Section 3; Section 4 and Section 5:

Current Language

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, 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.

(b) 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.

Proposed Amendment Language

Section 1. Qualifying Membership. The membership of the Tribe shall consist of the following persons, regardless of their residence:

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

(b) 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 Kiowa blood by descendency of a currently enrolled member or by blood quantum descendency of Kiowa 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.

Section 2. Allottee Blood Quantum

Current Language

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.

Proposed Amendment Language

Section 2. Blood Quantum by Descendency. All persons identified in Section 1(a) of this Article shall be deemed to possess Kiowa Indian and/or Kiowa Captive blood by blood quantum descendency for the purpose of determining eligibility for membership under Section 1(b) of this Article.

Current Language

Section 3. Acceptable Evidence.

Persons whose parent or parents are not recorded on official records as Kiowa Indians(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.

Proposed Amendment Language

Section 3. Acceptable Evidence. Persons whose parent/grandparent/great grandparent are not recorded on official records as Kiowa Indian(s) or Kiowa Captive(s) must prove by acceptable evidence their blood quantum and that they possess Kiowa Indian(s) or Kiowa Captive(s) blood to an original allottee. Blood quantum 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 provisions and requirements of this Constitution, unless otherwise specified in this Constitution.

Current Language

Section 4. Application Process. Applications for membership must be supported by birth certificates or authenticated copies thereof and/or other records, as required by the circumstances of each application as required by law. All evidence submitted with an application for membership shall be retained by the Records Management Office.

Proposed Amendment Language

Section 4. Application Process. Applications for membership by blood quantum descendency shall be supported by birth certificates or authenticated thereof and/or other records, and/or by descendency to an original Kiowa allottee and submitted to Enrollment Office. Enrollment will forward the approved list of applicants to the Legislatures. All Evidence submitted with an application shall be retained by the Records Management Office; provided, such records are in accordance to law, unless otherwise specified in this Constitution.

Current Language

Section 5. Adoption. Persons adopted by Kiowa Tribal Members shall not be eligible for membership in the Tribe, unless they otherwise qualify for enrollment.

Proposed Language

Section 5. Adoption. Persons adopted by Kiowa Tribal members shall be eligible for membership in the Tribe; and following the requirements for membership under this Article, unless otherwise specified in this Constitution.

NOWHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kiowa Indian Council approve the constitutional amendments to Article IV-Membership; Section 1(a); Section 1(b); Section 2, Section 3; Section 4 and Section 5 to benefit the tribe in education, culture, language and land protection; to protect tribal sovereignty for future generations and for inclusion of Kiowa families as descendants; self-determination; to protect heirship of Kiowa lands in passing tribal lands.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, presented at a Annual Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council held on April 4, 2026 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.

2026 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Secretary,

Kiowa Indian Council

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. _____:

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the (YYYY) [Annual/Special] Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called [Annual/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: _____

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council