

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

(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 descendency based on the current Kiowa Tribe rolls or (b) prove descendency of an original allottee. Enrollment will process applications and send a list of applicants to the Legislature for approval or denial.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the members of the Kiowa Indian Council hereby; make a constitutional change of membership requirements by descendency 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.

(2025) KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL 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 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 _____, 20__, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For: _____ Opposed: _____ Abstention: _____

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council