

**KIOWA TRIBE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 29th, 2025**

**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 CONSTITUTION 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 THEREFORE 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

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**NOW THEREFORE 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,

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:**

(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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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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## 2025 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council