

KIOWA TRIBE
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING
June 21, 2025
RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK
RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-0007-2025

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

SUBJECT: **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”.

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

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. Reserved Powers. (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 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.”

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 THEREFORE 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 THEREFORE 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 THEREFORE 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 THEREFORE 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:

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 Annual 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