



KIOWA TRIBE

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OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATURE

Resolution Number: KL-CY-2024-0XX

KIOWA FAMILY CODE

At a duly called Legislative Regular Session _____ of the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe held this ___th day of __, 2024, the following resolution, was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature, is vested with the authority to pass laws and resolutions pursuant to Article VI, Section 6 (a) of the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature, is authorized under the Kiowa Constitution and is empowered to promulgate and enforce codes and laws, to protect Kiowa Tribal Citizens; and,

WHEREAS, this Code is enacted pursuant to the inherent sovereign authority of the Kiowa Tribe and pursuant to the 2017 Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, this Code is enacted to safeguard family relationships, provide for legal recognition of marriages, promote the peaceful and fair settlement of disputes between parties to a marriage, minimize the potential harm to spouses and their children caused by the dissolution of marriages, strengthen parental responsibility for family and child support, and provide procedures for establishing the legal relationship existing between a child and his or her parents in accordance with Kiowa culture, tradition, and values.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kiowa Tribe Legislature, having been delegated certain authorities under the Kiowa Constitution, the governing body of the Kiowa Tribe, does hereby enact “Kiowa Family Code”.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution KL-CY-2024-00X was duly voted upon by the Legislature on _____, 2024, at a Legislative Regular Session ___-(), with a vote of () in favor and () opposed, () abstaining, and () absent, according to the authority vested in the Legislature by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe.

Anita Johnson
Secretary of the Legislature

Published: February 23, 2024, and read into record by: Warren Queton, District #7 Legislator, on Legislative Regular Session LXXXII-(82), February 10, 2024.

Hàu – Yes; Hàu:né – No; Hàun á – Abstain; Héñgyádàu - Absent

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION – KL-CY-2024-00X

Sponsors: Warren Queton, District 5.

Co-Sponsors: Anita Onco-Johnson, Secretary/District #5 Legislator; Kyle Ataddlety, District #1 Legislator; Michael Primus, District 2; Timothy Satepauhoodle, District #3 Legislator; Alana Quetone, District #4 Legislator; Ben Wolf, District #5 Legislator.

LEGISLATORS	YES Hàu	NO Hàu:né	ABSTAIN Háun á	ABSENT Héñgyádàu
Kyle Ataddlety District #1				
Michael Primus District #2				
Timothy Satepauhoodle District #3				
Alana Quetone District #4				
Anita Johnson District #5				
Ben Wolf District #6				
Warren Queton District #7				

DELIVERY OF THE RESOLUTION AND LAW TO THE CHAIRMAN

Resolution No. KL-CY-2024-00X was presented to the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe on the __th day of _____, 2024, pursuant to the Article VI, Section 8(a)(iv) of the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, and will become effective after signature by the Chairman or veto override by the Legislature, and as otherwise required by the Constitution.

Anita Johnson
Secretary of the Legislature

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CHAIRMAN’S ACTION:

APPROVED

VETO - RETURNED TO LEGISLATURE WITH EXPLANATION:

On this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Lawrence Spottedbird

Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe

Presented by the Chairman to the Legislature on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

LEGISLATURE’S ACTION:

Override of Chairman’s veto:

YES

NO

LEGISLATIVE OVERRIDE ORDER: KLO-CY-2024-0XX

LEGISLATORS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kyle Ataddlety District #1				
Michael Primus District #2				
Timothy Satepauhoodle District #3				
Alana Quetone District #4				
Anita Johnson District #5				
Ben Wolf District #6				
Warren Queton District #7				

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Legislative Order, KL-CY-2024-00X was duly voted upon by the Legislature on _____, 2024, at a Legislative Override Order Session with a vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed, and _____ abstaining, _____ Absent. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Legislature by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe.

Anita Johnson
Secretary of the Legislature

Section 1.1 Short Title

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This enactment shall be known as the “Kiowa Family Law”.

Section 1.2 Purpose

This Code is enacted to safeguard family relationships, provide for legal recognition of marriages, promote the peaceful and fair settlement of disputes between parties to a marriage, minimize the potential harm to spouses and their children caused by the dissolution of marriages, strengthen parental responsibility for family and child support, and provide procedures for establishing the legal relationship existing between a child and his or her parents in accordance with Kiowa culture, tradition, and values.

Section 1.3 Interpretation

The provisions of this Code shall be interpreted to be in accordance with tribal customary law. Whenever there is uncertainty or a question as to the interpretation of certain provisions of this Code, tribal law and custom shall be controlling, and where appropriate, may be based on the written or oral testimony of a qualified tribal elder, tribal historian, or tribal representative. If the traditions and customs of the Tribe are inconclusive in any matter, the Court shall construe it consistently with applicable textual tribal law. In the absence of applicable tribal customary law or textual tribal law, the Court shall construe it consistently with applicable federal law.

Section 1.4 Approval and Enactment

The Legislature hereby approves and Enacts the “Kiowa Family Code”.