



# KIOWA TRIBE

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**OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATURE**

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## THE CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE CHAIRMAN ACT OF 2025

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation and has been so since time immemorial; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe exercises full enjoyment of the inherent powers of government, including self-determination and autonomy over internal affairs encompassing Tribe citizens, lands, and resources; and,

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2017, qualified voters of the Tribe ratified the Kiowa Constitution as “the supreme law of the land”; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Constitution establishes specific offices under the umbrella of the Executive Branch in Article VII including, by way of example: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Executive Directors of no more than four Divisions; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution is silent regarding and does not establish the role of a chief legal officer for the Executive Branch; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Tribe statute alike are silent vis-à-vis the position of Attorney General within the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 6(b)(v) of the Constitution stipulates, “Every funding item in the annual budget must have been previously authorized by law.”; and,

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the absence of Tribe law formally creating the office of Attorney General, a line item in the budget for Fiscal Year 2024 to 2025 reflects a salary presently disbursed to a role with same title; and,

WHEREAS, the duties of the role designated as “Attorney General” within the Annual Budget of the Tribe for Fiscal Year 2024 to 2024 do not reflect the breadth of responsibilities constitutionally or statutorily assigned to offices that bear the title of Attorney General within the U.S. Executive Branch and Department of Justice, other sovereign tribal nations, or within the governments of individual states; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that statutory clarification is necessary to delineate the function, title, and qualifications of the primary legal counsel to the Chairman;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the office cited as “Attorney General” in the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 to 2025 shall hereafter be known as “Chief Legal Counsel to the Chairman”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby adopts the CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE CHAIRMAN ACT OF 2025.

### C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The foregoing Resolution KL-CY-2025-00X was duly voted upon by the Legislature on \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, 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.

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Michael Primus  
Speaker of the Legislature

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION – KL-CY-2025-00X

Sponsors: Cole DeLaune, District 4.

Co-Sponsors:

LEGISLATORS	YES Hàu	NO Hàu:né	ABSTAIN Háun á	ABSENT Héñgyádàu
Kyle Ataddlety District 1				
Michael Primus District 2				
Timothy Satepauhoodle District 3				
Cole DeLaune District 4				
Tiya Rosario District 5				
Ben Wolf District 6				
Warren Queton District 7				

### DELIVERY OF THE RESOLUTION AND LAW TO THE CHAIRMAN

Resolution No. KL-CY-2025-00X was presented to the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, 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.

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Michael Primus  
Speaker of the Legislature

**CHAIRMAN’S ACTION:**

☐ APPROVED

☐ VETO - RETURNED TO LEGISLATURE WITH EXPLANATION:

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On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Lawrence Spottedbird  
Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe

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Presented by the Chairman to the Legislature on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**LEGISLATURE’S ACTION:**

**Override of Chairman’s veto:**

☐ YES

☐ NO

LEGISLATIVE OVERRIDE ORDER: KLO-CY-2025-0XX

LEGISLATORS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kyle Ataddlety District 1				
Michael Primus District 2				
Timothy Satepauhoodle District 3				
Cole DeLaune District 4				
Tiya Rosario District 5				
Ben Wolf District 6				
Warren Queton District 7				

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

The foregoing Legislative Order, KL-CY-2025-00X was duly voted upon by the Legislature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, 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.

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Michael Primus  
Speaker of the Legislature

### Section 1.1 Short Title

This enactment shall be known as the “Chief Legal Counsel to the Chairman Act of 2025.”

### Section 1.2 Purpose

These provisions are enacted to define and establish in Tribe law the structure and specific responsibilities of the Chief Legal Counsel to the Chairman as well as the qualifications, terms, and length of service for same office.