

KIOWA TRIBE

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RESOLUTION KL-CY-2025-0XX

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 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 agency 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 presently 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 Randall Homburg that is budgeted at \$206,000 per annum; and,

WHEREAS, same salary exceeds the yearly compensation for the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma by a margin of more than \$73,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Oklahoma represents a population of more than 4,000,000 while the population of the Kiowa Tribe, by contrast, totaled 10,421 Members per the most recent Quarterly Report issued by the Tribe Enrollment Office on April 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, when compared to statistics from 2023, a \$206,000 annual rate of pay is higher than the yearly salary drawn by the Attorneys General of 47 American states; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that statutory codification and clarification are necessary to delineate the function, operation, appointments process for, and regulatory framework of the role of the chief legal officer of the Tribe Executive Branch;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby adopts the OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ACT OF 2025.

CERTIFICATION

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.

Michael Primus Speaker of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION – KL-CY-2025-00X

Sponsors: Cole DeLaune, District 4. **Co-Sponsors:**

LEGISLATORS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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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.

Michael Primus Speaker of the Legislature

CHAIRMAN'S ACTION:

[] APPROVED						
[] VETO - RETURNED TO LEGISLATURE WITH EXPLANATION:						
On this day of, 2025.						
	Lawrence Spottedbird Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe					
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				

CERTIFICATION

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.

Michael Primus Speaker of the Legislature

Section 1.1 Short Title

This enactment shall be known as the "Office of the Attorney General 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 Office of the Attorney General of the Kiowa Tribe Executive Branch as well as the qualifications, terms, and length of service of the Tribe Treasurer.

Section 1.3 Office of the Attorney General

- a. There is hereby established an Office of the Attorney General, which shall be located within the Executive Branch of Tribe government.
- b. The Attorney General shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman and shall be subject to dismissal per the Chairman's discretion.

Section 1.4 Term of Office

- a. The term of office for any Attorney General shall not exceed four years.
- b. Each term of office shall terminate at 12:00 p.m. on July 15 in calendar years during which Tribe elections for the Office of Chairman occur.
- c. Oaths of office sworn by appointees to the Office of Attorney General shall terminate on the date prescribed by this Act irrespective of when administered.

Section 1.5 Requirement of Legislative Confirmation

- a. The Office of Attorney General is mentioned nowhere in the Kiowa Constitution and, as such, is created by and subject to the limitations of this Act.
- b. Consistent with other Executive offices subject to legislative confirmation, no person shall serve as or draw salary in the capacity of Attorney General unless formally nominated by the Chairman, confirmed by a majority vote of the Legislature, and sworn into office via an Oath to the Kiowa Constitution administered by a Justice of the Kiowa Supreme Court.
- c. Disbursements of salary for the Office of Attorney General shall terminate or suspend upon the 15th day of July in calendar years during which Tribe elections for the Office of Chairman occur until renomination, reconfirmation, and a swearing-in to a discrete term of service, when applicable, are completed.
- d. No person presently serving in the role of Attorney General upon passage of this Act shall be exempt from its mandates.

Section 1.6 Compensation

a. Salary for the Attorney General shall be determined in the Annual Budget but shall not exceed the amount of \$-----. —per annum until amended.

Section 1.7 Qualifications

a. No individual shall serve in the role of Attorney General who fails to fulfill the General Requirements for Bar Admission in Oklahoma.