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KIOWA TRIBE RESOLUTION NO. KL-CY-2026-0XX

KIOWA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2026

At a duly called Legislative Regular Session _____ of the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe held this _____ day of _____, 2026, the following resolution, was adopted.

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’s duties include monitoring the actions of the government, assessing the needs of the People, and making laws toward better government to address the needs of the People under Article VI, Section 1 of the Kiowa Constitution; 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 Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe may only negotiate and enter into contracts on behalf of the Kiowa Tribe after authorization by the Kiowa Legislature pursuant to Article VII, Section 4(c) of same Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Kiowa Tribe and its citizens are vulnerable to natural, technological, and human-caused emergencies and disasters, including wildfires, severe weather, tornadoes, flooding, extreme temperatures, hazardous-material incidents, public health emergencies, and other events that may threaten the lives, health, safety, property, cultural resources, and economic well-being of the Kiowa people; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the safety and welfare of the Kiowa people are best protected through a coordinated Tribal emergency-management system capable of working with Tribal departments and programs, neighboring governments, other Tribal Nations, emergency-response organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe hereby adopts the **Kiowa Emergency Management Act of 2026**, as set forth herein.

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

The foregoing Amended Resolution KL-CY-2026-00X was duly voted upon by the Legislature on _____, 2026, at Legislative Special Session I-(1), with a vote of (4) in favor and (0) opposed, (0) abstaining, and (3) absent, according to the authority vested in the Legislature by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe.

Michael Q. Primus II
Speaker of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION KL-CY-2026-00X

Sponsors: Ronnie Satepauhoodle, District 1.

Co-Sponsors:

LEGISLATORS	YES Hàu	NO Hàu:né	ABSTAIN Háun á	ABSENT Héñgyádàu
Ronnie Satepauhoodle District 1				
Michael Q. Primus II District 2				
Jolene Beartrack 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

Amended Resolution No. KL-CY-2026-00X was presented to the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe on _____, 2026, 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 Q. Primus II
Speaker of the Legislature

CHAIRMAN’S ACTION:

☐ APPROVED

☐ VETO - RETURNED TO LEGISLATURE WITH EXPLANATION:

On this ____ day of _____, 2026.

David B. Sullivan
Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe

Presented by the Chairman to the Legislature on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

LEGISLATURE’S ACTION:

Override of Chairman’s veto:

☐ YES

☐ NO

LEGISLATIVE OVERRIDE ORDER: KLO-CY-2026-0XX

LEGISLATORS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ronnie Satepauhoodle District 1				
Michael Q. Primus II District 2				
Jolene Beartrack 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, KLO-CY-2026-00X was duly voted upon by the Legislature on _____, 2026, 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 Q. Primus II
Speaker of the Legislature

Section 101. Title.

This enactment shall be cited as the “**Kiowa Emergency Management Act of 2026.**”

Section 102. Authority.

This Act is enacted pursuant to the inherent sovereign authority of the Kiowa Tribe and pursuant to the 2017 Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, which empowers the Kiowa Legislature to “make laws and resolutions in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution” (Article VI, §6(a)); and to “monitor the actions of the government, access the needs of the People, and make laws toward better government to address the needs of the People” (Article VI, § 1).

Section 103. Purpose.

The purpose of this Act is to establish a Kiowa Tribe Department of Emergency Management and a comprehensive, all-hazards emergency-management program for the Kiowa Tribe. The purposes of the Department and program established by this Act are to:

- (a) Protect the lives, health, safety, and welfare of the Kiowa people and people within the Tribe’s jurisdiction;
- (b) Reduce the loss of life, property, infrastructure, cultural resources, and natural resources resulting from emergencies and disasters;
- (c) Establish an organized system for emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery;
- (d) Establish clear responsibilities and lines of authority for the coordination of Tribal emergency-management activities;
- (e) Develop, maintain, and periodically test comprehensive emergency-management plans addressing hazards that may affect the Kiowa Tribe;
- (f) Establish and maintain effective systems for emergency notification, warning, evacuation, sheltering, and public information;
- (g) Promote coordination and mutual aid among the Kiowa Tribe, its departments and programs, neighboring communities, other Tribal Nations, and local, state, and federal agencies;
- (h) Provide for appropriate training, exercises, preparedness activities, and public education concerning emergencies and disaster response;
- (i) Establish procedures for the effective use and coordination of Tribal personnel, equipment, facilities, and other resources during emergencies and disasters;
- (j) Promote the Tribe’s ability to obtain and administer federal, state, Tribal, and other emergency-management grants and resources; and

- (k) Ensure the continuity of Tribal government and essential governmental services during and following an emergency or disaster.

Section 104. Findings.

The Kiowa Tribe finds and declares that:

- (a) The Kiowa Tribe and its citizens are vulnerable to natural, technological, and human-caused emergencies and disasters, including wildfires, severe weather, tornadoes, flooding, extreme temperatures, hazardous-material incidents, public health emergencies, and other events that may threaten the lives, health, safety, property, cultural resources, and economic well-being of the Kiowa people;
- (b) The Kiowa Tribe has experienced, and continues to face, recurring wildfires and other emergencies that can spread rapidly across Tribal lands and surrounding communities, threaten homes and Tribal facilities, damage natural and cultural resources, disrupt essential services, and require coordinated response from Tribal, local, state, federal, and other Tribal governments;
- (c) Effective emergency management requires preparation and mitigation before an emergency occurs, coordinated response during an emergency, and organized recovery following an emergency;
- (d) The safety and welfare of the Kiowa people are best protected through a coordinated Tribal emergency-management system capable of working with Tribal departments and programs, neighboring governments, other Tribal Nations, emergency-response organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies;
- (e) The Kiowa Tribe should maintain the ability to identify and assess hazards, develop and maintain emergency plans, establish emergency-warning and communication systems, coordinate emergency response, conduct training and exercises, enter into mutual-aid agreements, obtain emergency resources, and assist in the recovery of the Tribe and its citizens following an emergency or disaster;
- (f) The Kiowa Tribe has a sovereign interest and responsibility in protecting the lives, property, infrastructure, cultural resources, and natural resources of the Kiowa Tribe and its citizens and in maintaining the continuity of Tribal government and essential governmental services during emergencies and disasters;
- (g) Establishing a Department of Emergency Management will provide the Kiowa Tribe with a centralized governmental structure for emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery and will improve the Tribe's ability to coordinate resources and obtain assistance before, during, and after an emergency or disaster;
- (h) The Kiowa Tribe recognizes that the establishment and development of a comprehensive emergency management program requires initial investment in planning, personnel, training, equipment, communications, facilities, and other capabilities, as well as a sustainable long-term funding structure;
- (i) The Kiowa Tribe has obtained or is pursuing state and other grant funding to establish and develop its Emergency Management capabilities and that such funding provides an opportunity to establish the organizational, planning, training,

equipment, and administrative infrastructure necessary for a permanent Tribal Emergency Management Department.

Section 105. Definitions.

Any term not defined in this Section shall be given its ordinary meaning. The following terms, wherever used in this Act, shall be construed to apply as follows, except where the context indicates otherwise:

- (a) “**Chairman**” means the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe.
- (b) “**Disaster**” means an event or set of circumstances which demand immediate action to preserve public health, protect life or property, or to provide relief for the Tribe and or the Tribal community affected by such events or set of circumstances, including but not limited to an event or set of circumstances which reaches such dimension or degree of destructiveness as to warrant the Governor of the state of Oklahoma to declare a state of emergency pursuant to state law or the President of the United States to issue an emergency determination under section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C §§ 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”), such as acts of God, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, fire or other casualty, and pandemic or epidemic.
- (c) “**Emergency**” means a disaster, and shall also include an incident that requires typical police, fire, rescue, or emergency medical services.
- (d) “**Legislature**” means the Kiowa Legislature.
- (e) “**Tribal Emergency Management Plan**” means a written comprehensive plan with elements that address all natural and man-made emergencies and disasters to which the Tribe is vulnerable which specifies the purpose, organization, responsibilities, capabilities and facilities of agencies, departments, and officials of the Tribe in the mitigation of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from emergencies and disasters.
- (f) “**Tribal Facilities**” means all buildings, structures or other areas used for the operation of the Kiowa Tribal government or Tribally-owned businesses, enterprises, or services located on or off Kiowa Tribal Lands.
- (g) “**Tribal Lands**” means all lands over which the Tribe exercises jurisdiction, including but not limited to, the historical boundaries of the Tribe, including but not limited to the reservation of lands in the First and Second Treaties of Medicine Lodge, 15 Stat. 581, 589, regardless of whether such lands are held in fee simple or held in trust for another Indian Tribe, along with all lands considered the Tribe’s “Indian Country” as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1151, including but not limited to lands owned in fee by the Tribe wherever located.
- (h) “**Tribe**” means the Kiowa Tribe.

Section 106. Department of Emergency Management.

- (a) The Kiowa Department of Emergency Management (hereinafter the “KDEM”) is hereby established within the Executive Branch of the Kiowa Tribe.
- (b) The KDEM shall be the coordinating agency for all activity in connection with Emergency Management of the Kiowa Tribe.
- (c) This act will not relieve any Kiowa department or agency of responsibilities or authority established by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe or previously granted under laws of the Kiowa Tribe except as expressly set forth herein.
- (d) The KDEM shall be responsible for implementation of the provisions of this Act, including:
 - i. developing and maintaining the policies, procedures, plans, programs, and operational capabilities necessary to establish and sustain a comprehensive Tribal emergency management program.
 - ii. developing policies and procedures for the Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”), and Mutual Aid Agreements as it relates to tribal response.
 - iii. applying for and comply with federal and state emergency management grant requirements, including grants administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) and the United States Department of Homeland Security.
 - iv. creating and maintaining a Local Emergency Planning Committee (“LEPC”) consisting of tribal and surrounding emergency response agencies, including local law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency medical services.
 - v. maintaining coordination with surrounding emergency management agencies related to services, mutual aid, as well as with other tribal, state, and federal officials.
 - vi. developing, maintaining, and testing the tribal warning systems with local law enforcement, fire department, and other emergency response agencies, including the Tribal Emergency Alert System (“EAS”) and all outdoor warning sirens.
 - vii. establishing and maintaining working relationships with all government agencies and community groups within the Tribe, surrounding emergency management agencies, state agencies, and federal agencies.
 - viii. disseminating emergency management training information and providing or coordinating training opportunities for emergency responder organizations;
 - ix. planning, developing, and implementing emergency management exercises each year in cooperation with the LEPC and other appropriate emergency response organizations. Such exercises shall provide training and test the

preparedness and response capabilities of emergency responder agencies within the Tribe and surrounding communities.

- x. conducting annual Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessments on all Kiowa Tribal properties and grounds.
- xi. coordinating directly with state and federal emergency management and homeland security personnel in the event of a disaster or emergency.
- xii. establishing and coordinating a Tribal storm spotter and severe weather observation program to enhance the Tribe's ability to detect, verify, and communicate information concerning severe weather and other hazardous conditions. KDEM may coordinate with the National Weather Service, including through the SKYWARN® program, and other governmental agencies, emergency response organizations, and qualified volunteers to provide training and establish procedures for the observation and reporting of severe weather. KDEM may maintain a roster of trained volunteer storm spotters and weather observers and establish procedures for receiving, verifying, documenting, and transmitting reports to the National Weather Service, Tribal officials, and other appropriate emergency management authorities.

Section 107. Emergency Management Director.

- (a) The KDEM shall be overseen by the Emergency Management Director.
- (b) The Emergency Management Director shall be appointed by the Chairman, subject to confirmation by the Legislature, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman, unless otherwise provided by Tribal law. The Emergency Management Director may be reappointed following any change in administration or at such other time as the Chairman determines.
- (c) The Emergency Management Director shall possess the education, training, experience, and professional qualifications necessary to administer a comprehensive, all-hazards emergency management program. At a minimum, the Director shall:
 - i. Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in emergency management, public administration, homeland security, disaster management, fire science, public safety, or a related field, or possess an equivalent combination of education, training, and progressively responsible professional experience demonstrating the knowledge and ability necessary to perform the duties of the position;
 - ii. Have at least five (5) years of progressively responsible professional experience in emergency management, disaster response, public safety, fire service, law enforcement, military emergency management, public administration, or a related field, with demonstrated experience in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation, planning, or incident management;

- iii. Demonstrate knowledge of the principles and practices of all-hazards emergency management, including hazard mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, continuity of operations, emergency planning, incident management, resource management, and intergovernmental coordination;
 - iv. Demonstrate the ability to develop, administer, and maintain emergency management plans and programs and to coordinate the activities of Tribal departments, branches, emergency response organizations, governmental agencies, and other public and private organizations;
 - v. Possess or obtain, within one (1) year of appointment, the emergency management and National Incident Management System training designated by the Department, including applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, or other recognized emergency management training; and
 - vi. Possess a valid driver's license and satisfy any other lawful requirements established by the Tribe for the position.
- (d) The Emergency Management Director shall:
- i. report directly to the Chairman or their designee.
 - ii. complete required training as directed by the Chairman, the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, FEMA, and applicable grant programs.
 - iii. participate in classes and conferences provided by emergency management organizations and Homeland Security agencies.
 - iv. serve as an advisor to the Chairman regarding emergency operations and disaster declarations.
 - v. ensure that proper documentation is being kept for all disaster related events to ensure accountability, liability, and reimbursement.

Section 108. Emergency Management Program.

- (a) The KDEM shall prepare and update, as needed on a periodic basis, a comprehensive Tribal Emergency Management Program.
- (b) The Tribal Emergency Management Program shall coordinate the response of emergency personnel and supporting services of the Tribe in the event of an emergency or disaster and during the aftermath thereof. Its purpose is to save lives, and protect public health, safety, property, the economy, the environment, culture, and history of the Tribe.
- (c) The Tribal Emergency Management Program shall be developed and maintained consistent with Tribal law and recognized emergency management best practices, including, where applicable, the FEMA's Comprehensive Preparedness Guide

(CPG) 101 and applicable Oklahoma laws, administrative rules, and regulations governing the development of emergency management plans.

- (d) The Tribal Emergency Management Program shall be subject to approval by the Legislature. Once approved, the Tribal Emergency Management Program shall establish the framework for coordinating the Tribe's emergency management activities and response to emergencies and disasters, consistent with applicable Tribal law and the authority of the Chairman, the KDEM, Tribal departments and agencies, and incident commanders.

Section 109. Emergency Operations Plan.

The KDEM shall develop, maintain, and evaluate a Tribal Emergency Operations Plan ("TEOP") for all emergency and hazardous events that may occur, including, but not limited to, disaster response and recovery plans and hazardous material plans. The TEOP shall identify personnel, equipment, facilities, supplies, and other resources available within the jurisdiction, or by agreement with other jurisdictions, for use during response and recovery operations.

Section 110. Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The KDEM shall develop, maintain, and evaluate a Tribal Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to understand the risks from natural hazards and develop long-term strategies to reduce the impacts of disasters on people, property, and the environment.

Section 111. Emergency Operations Center.

- (a) The KDEM shall establish, maintain, and administer an EOC for the Kiowa Tribe. The EOC shall serve as the Tribe's primary facility for coordinating emergency management activities, collecting and evaluating information, maintaining situational awareness, coordinating resources, supporting incident response, and facilitating communication among Tribal departments, branches, governmental agencies, emergency response organizations, and other appropriate entities.
- (b) The Emergency Management Director, or the Director's designee, may activate the EOC when the Director determines that an actual or threatened emergency, disaster, or other hazardous condition requires enhanced coordination of Tribal resources or intergovernmental assistance. The Chairman, or the Chairman's designee, may also direct the activation of the EOC.
- (c) When activated, the EOC shall, as appropriate:
 - i. Maintain and disseminate current information concerning the emergency or disaster and its actual or anticipated effects on the Tribe;
 - ii. Coordinate the allocation, deployment, and use of Tribal personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities, and other resources;
 - iii. Facilitate requests for assistance from Tribal departments and coordinate requests for assistance from municipal, county, state, federal, Tribal, nonprofit, private-sector, and other organizations;

- iv. Support the implementation of the TEOP and applicable emergency plans, annexes, and procedures;
 - v. Coordinate emergency communications, public information, warnings, notifications, and other measures necessary to inform Tribal officials, employees, members, residents, and the public;
 - vi. Maintain communication and coordination with appropriate emergency operations centers, emergency management organizations, and governmental authorities;
 - vii. Support damage assessment, resource tracking, documentation, and other activities necessary for emergency response, recovery, reimbursement, and disaster assistance;
 - viii. Facilitate continuity of essential Tribal government operations and services; and
 - ix. Perform such other coordination and information-management functions as may be necessary to protect life, health, safety, property, infrastructure, cultural resources, and the continuity of Tribal government.
- (d) Activation of the EOC shall not, by itself, transfer or supersede the operational authority of any Tribal department, branch, official, emergency response organization, or incident commander established by law or the applicable incident command structure. The EOC shall support and coordinate incident operations unless otherwise provided by Tribal law, an emergency declaration, the TEOP, or other lawful authority.
 - (e) The KDEM shall periodically exercise and evaluate the EOC, its communications systems, activation procedures, emergency plans, and supporting capabilities and shall make reasonable improvements based upon the results of exercises, actual incidents, and after-action reviews.
 - (f) The KDEM shall request Tribal departments to designate a primary and alternate representative to participate in EOC activities.

Section 112. Mutual Aid and Intergovernmental Agreements.

The Kiowa Tribe may enter into mutual aid agreements, memoranda of understanding, memoranda of agreement, cooperative agreements, and other intergovernmental or cooperative arrangements with other federally recognized Indian Tribes, the United States, the State of Oklahoma, counties, municipalities, political subdivisions, regional emergency management organizations, nonprofit organizations, private entities, and other governmental or nongovernmental organizations for the purpose of emergency management, emergency response, disaster assistance, preparedness, mitigation, recovery, continuity of government, or other activities authorized by this Act.

Section 113. Emergency Declarations and Emergency Powers.

In the event of an emergency or disaster, the Chairman is authorized to undertake the following:

- (a) Make and issue emergency rules, regulations, and orders on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property affected by such emergency or disaster, including, but not limited to, orders relating to the closure or restriction of access to and evacuation of Tribal Lands and Tribal Facilities affected by the emergency or disaster, subject to ratification by resolution of the Legislature as soon as practicable under the circumstances;
- (b) Issue a written Tribal State of Emergency declaration, subject to ratification by resolution of the Legislature as soon as practicable under the circumstances;
- (c) When satisfied that the Tribal State of Emergency no longer exists, issue a written declaration terminating the state of emergency, subject to ratification by resolution of the Legislature as soon as practicable under the circumstances;
- (d) Following a State of Emergency declaration, issue public proclamations as necessary to notify the public of the existence of the State of Emergency and, in order to more effectively protect the public and qualify for available federal assistance, place into effect such restrictions and requirements as are reasonably necessary under the circumstances;
- (e) Obtain, or cause to be obtained, supplies, equipment, and services found lacking and needed for the protection of life or public property and bind the Tribe for the costs associated therewith, without regard to ordinary procurement and standard budgetary approval procedures, subject to applicable Tribal law;
- (f) Subject to the Tribal Emergency Management Program and applicable Tribal law, requisition necessary personnel or material from any other Tribal department or agency to aid in the emergency management response;
- (g) Request mutual aid, assistance, and support from the United States Government, the State of Oklahoma, county and municipal governments, other Tribal governments, and other entities when the Tribe's capabilities have been exceeded or exhausted; and
- (h) Take reasonable measures necessary to ensure the continuity of Tribal government and essential governmental services.

Section 114. Training, Exercises, and Preparedness.

- (a) The KDEM shall establish and maintain a comprehensive emergency management training program for Tribal officials, employees, emergency response personnel, volunteers, and other persons whose participation may be necessary for the preparedness for, response to, or recovery from, or mitigation of emergencies and disasters.
- (b) The KDEM shall identify appropriate training based upon the Tribe's hazards, emergency management plans, operational responsibilities, and available resources.
- (c) Each Tribal department shall cooperate with the KDEM in developing and maintaining emergency preparedness capabilities applicable to its operations.

- (d) The KDEM shall establish and coordinate a program of emergency management exercises designed to test and improve the Tribe's emergency plans, procedures, communications, personnel, facilities, equipment, and coordination capabilities. Exercises may include seminars, workshops, tabletop exercises, drills, functional exercises, full-scale exercises, or other methods appropriate to the circumstances.
- (e) The KDEM shall promote and coordinate preparedness activities designed to increase the Tribe's ability to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.
- (f) The KDEM shall maintain appropriate records of emergency management training, exercises, participation, and corrective actions and shall use such records to evaluate preparedness capabilities, satisfy applicable grant or reimbursement requirements, and inform future planning and resource allocation.

Section 115. Grants and Funding.

- (a) Grant Authority. The KDEM shall identify, pursue, and administer grants, cooperative agreements, donations, and other lawful sources of funding available to support the Tribe's emergency management program. The KDEM may apply for and administer funding from federal, state, Tribal, local, nonprofit, private, and other sources, subject to applicable Tribal law and the requirements of the funding source.
- (b) Matching Funds. When a grant or other funding opportunity requires a Tribal contribution or matching funds, the KDEM shall coordinate with the appropriate Tribal officials and departments to identify and secure the required contribution, subject to appropriation and applicable fiscal requirements. No grant application shall create an obligation of Tribal funds beyond the amount lawfully authorized or appropriated.
- (c) Emergency Management Fund. The Tribe may establish within the Tribal treasury a dedicated Emergency Management Fund or other appropriate account for the receipt and administration of appropriated funds, grants, reimbursements, donations, and other funds designated for emergency management purposes. Funds deposited into such account shall be used only for purposes authorized by law and applicable funding restrictions.
- (d) As part of the KDEM's annual report, the Emergency Management Director shall identify significant emergency management funding received or pursued during the preceding fiscal year, required matching contributions, major grant-funded activities, outstanding grant obligations, and anticipated funding needs and opportunities for the following fiscal year.

Section 116. Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

- (a) There is hereby established a Kiowa Tribe Emergency Management Advisory Committee ("Committee") to advise and assist the KDEM and Emergency Management Director in the development, coordination, and continuous improvement of the Tribe's emergency management programs.

- (b) Membership. The Committee shall consist of the following members or their designated representatives, who shall serve at the pleasure of the officer designating the member:
- i. The Emergency Management Director, who shall serve as Chairperson;
 - ii. A representative designated by the Chairman;
 - iii. A representative designated by the Kiowa Legislature;
 - iv. A representative of Tribal Law Enforcement;
 - v. A representative of Tribal Fire and Emergency Services;
 - vi. A representative of Tribal Health Services;
 - vii. A representative of Tribal Public Works or other department responsible for Tribal infrastructure and utilities;
 - viii. A representative of the Tribal Finance Department;
 - ix. A representative responsible for Tribal communications or public information; and
 - x. Such additional Tribal officials, employees, subject-matter experts, emergency response organizations, or community representatives as the Chairman or Emergency Management Director determines would provide useful expertise to the Committee.
- (c) Meetings. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly and may meet more frequently as necessary. The Emergency Management Director may call special meetings when circumstances require. Meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone, videoconference, or other reliable means of communication.
- (d) The Emergency Management Director may invite representatives of federal, state, local, Tribal, nonprofit, private-sector, academic, or other organizations to participate in Committee meetings or provide technical assistance when their expertise would benefit the Tribe's emergency management programs.
- (e) The KDEM shall provide reasonable administrative support to the Committee, including meeting coordination, agendas, minutes or meeting records, and distribution of relevant emergency management information.
- (f) The Committee shall have no independent authority to obligate or expend Tribal funds. Any expenditure associated with the Committee shall be made through the KDEM or other appropriate Tribal department in accordance with applicable Tribal law and appropriations.

Section 117. Annual Report and Legislative Oversight.

- (a) Annual Report. On or before January 1st of each year, the Emergency Management Director shall submit an annual report concerning the activities and condition of the KDEM

to the Chairman and the Legislature. The report shall cover the preceding fiscal year and shall include, to the extent applicable:

- i. A summary of the KDEM's activities, accomplishments, and significant events during the reporting period;
- ii. A summary of emergencies, disasters, and significant incidents affecting the Tribe and the KDEM's involvement in preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities;
- iii. The status of the TEOP, Hazard Mitigation Plan, and other required emergency management plans;
- iv. A summary of training, exercises, drills, after-action reviews, and corrective actions conducted during the reporting period;
- v. An assessment of the Tribe's preparedness capabilities and significant gaps, deficiencies, or emerging risks identified by the Department;
- vi. A summary of mutual aid agreements, intergovernmental agreements, and other emergency management partnerships established, renewed, or utilized during the reporting period;
- vii. A summary of emergency management grants and other external funding pursued or received, including significant grant requirements, matching-fund obligations, and the status of major grant-funded projects;
- viii. A summary of the KDEM's expenditures and significant anticipated funding needs, subject to applicable financial reporting requirements;
- ix. An assessment of the KDEM's personnel, equipment, facilities, communications systems, and other resource needs;
- x. A summary of public preparedness, emergency notification, severe weather, wildfire, volunteer, and community outreach activities;
- xi. A summary of recommendations for improving the Tribe's emergency management capabilities, including recommended legislative, administrative, policy, funding, or infrastructure changes; and
- xii. Any other information the Emergency Management Director determines would assist the Chairman and Legislature in evaluating the Tribe's emergency preparedness and emergency management capabilities.

(b) The Legislature may review the annual report and may request that the Emergency Management Director appear before the Legislature or an appropriate Legislative committee to present the report, answer questions concerning the KDEM's activities and

capabilities, and provide recommendations concerning emergency management needs and priorities.

- (c) The Emergency Management Director shall identify significant corrective actions resulting from exercises, after-action reviews, or actual emergencies and shall periodically report on the status of such actions. The Chairman or Legislature may request additional information concerning significant unresolved preparedness deficiencies or corrective actions.
- (d) The KDEM shall make the annual report available to the public, subject to applicable law concerning confidential, privileged, security-sensitive, personal, law-enforcement-sensitive, or otherwise protected information.

Section 118. Sovereign Immunity.

Nothing within this Act shall be deemed a waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity.

Section 119. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Act shall be effective after enactment by the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe, and upon the date signed by the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe (or the override of the Chairman's veto by the Legislature).

Section 120. Interpretation.

The provisions of this Act 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 Act, 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 121. Severability.

If any section, provision, or portion of this Act is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.