



KIOWA TRIBE

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OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATURE

KIOWA TRIBE RESOLUTION NUMBER KL-CY-2026-00X

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF TRIBE MEMBER LAVETTA JO YEAHQUO

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 Legislature recognizes Lavetta Jo Yeahquo, an esteemed Kiowa elder who joined the ancestors on September 23, 2025, for her lifelong activism on behalf of Indigenous rights, women’s empowerment, human dignity, racial and environmental justice, the abolition of systems of violence, and the promotion of peace and equity; and,

WHEREAS, a descendant of Guipago, Ms. Yeahquo was born on March 31, 1954, to Maurice and Mary Toppah Yeahquo as the youngest girl among fourteen siblings; and,

WHEREAS, the childhood nickname of “Mousey” belied the bold undertakings that would define Ms. Yeahquo’s young adulthood; and,

WHEREAS, in 1972, Ms. Yeahquo joined the Trail of Broken Treaties, a cross-country caravan of grassroots Indigenous advocacy organizations that swelled to over 700 activists by the time it departed from St. Paul, Minnesota, during its progression to Washington, D.C. amid rallying cries for the restoration of sovereignty and tribal treaty-making authorities; and,

WHEREAS, on the ensuing odyssey, Ms. Yeahquo became a bodyguard for American Indian Movement activist Carter Camp, experienced a spiritual awakening, and embraced the healing energy of the Red Power community; and,

WHEREAS, in partnership and solidarity with AIM brothers and sisters, Ms. Yeahquo responded the following winter calls for support from Oglala elders in South Dakota, and journeyed to the Pine Ridge Reservation in a contingent comprised of over twenty (20) cars; and,

WHEREAS, Lavetta joined elders, chiefs, warriors, women, and children, on the front lines of the Wounded Knee occupation; and,

WHEREAS, at Wounded Knee, Ms. Yeahquo survived firefights, days without water or electricity, and the death of friends in the resistance; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Yeahquo spent her 19th birthday under gunfire; and,

WHEREAS, despite these trials, Ms. Yeahquo credited her months in the Wounded Knee protest with reigniting her confidence and courage; and,

WHEREAS, the bravery of Ms. Yeahquo and other women warriors during the 1973 siege still echoes across time half a century later as a seminal moment in the history of Indigenous women's leadership; and,

WHEREAS, as she grew into a Cauigu matriarch, Ms. Yeahquo shouldered the mantle of other battles: on behalf of both individual and collective healing in Indigenous communities as well as for ecological integrity amid peril close to home like the construction of the Westwin Elements nickel refinery in Lawton, Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Yeahquo never tired in her efforts to sow positive structural change for survivors of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Yeahquo has gifted younger generations of the Kiowa Tribe with an enduring legacy of leadership and citizen advocacy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kiowa Legislature, having been delegated certain authorities under the Kiowa Constitution, hereby proclaims March 31, 2026, as Lavetta Jo Yeahquo Day in the Kiowa Tribe and calls upon Tribe Members to join in honoring the memory of Thone-gyuah-aim-tow-yah-mah, Cauigu matriarch and woman warrior.

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

The foregoing resolution **KL-CY-2026-00X** was duly voted upon by the Legislature on _____, **2026**, at a **Legislative Regular Session** __-(), with a vote of () in favor and () opposed, () abstain, and () absent, pursuant to the authority vested in the Legislature by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe.

Michael Q. Primus II
Speaker of the Legislature

LEGISLATURE - RESOLUTION NO. KL-CY-2026-00X:

SPONSOR: Cole Kickingbird-DeLaune, District 4

CO-SPONSOR(S):

LEGISLATORS	YES Hàu	NO Hàu:né	ABSTAIN Háun á	ABSENT Héngyádàu
Kyle Ataddlety District 1				
Michael Q. Primus II District 2				
Timothy Satepauhoodle District 3				
Cole Kickingbird-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-2026-00X** was presented to the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe on the ____ day of _____, **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

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution Legislative Override Order KLO-CY-2026-00X was duly voted upon by the Legislature on _____, 2026, at a Legislative Order Session () with a vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed, and _____ abstaining, and _____ absent. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Legislature by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe.

Michael Q. Primus II
Speaker of the Legislature

Override Order KLO-CY-2026-00X

LEGISLATORS	YES Hàu	NO Hàu:né	ABSTAIN Háun á	ABSENT Héñgyádàu
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