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KIOWA TRIBE RESOLUTION NUMBER KL-CY-2026-0XX

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE KIOWA CODE TALKERS AND
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 15 AS KIOWA CODE TALKERS DAY**

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 Tribal citizens, lands, culture, language, 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 the Kiowa Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States Armed Forces, Kiowa men and women have served their Nation and their Tribe with honor, courage, sacrifice, and distinction; and,

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush signed **Public Law 110-420** on October 15, 2008, authorizing Congressional Gold Medal recognition for Native American Code Talkers, including the Kiowa Code Talkers; and,

WHEREAS, during World War II, Kiowa servicemen **Leonard Cozad Sr., John Tsatoke, and James Paddletly** courageously used the Kiowa language to send, receive, and decode sensitive battlefield communications that enemy forces could not understand; and,

WHEREAS, Leonard Cozad Sr., John Tsatoke, and James Paddletly served honorably in the United States Army during World War II and received numerous military awards, decorations, campaign medals, and recognitions for their service; and,

WHEREAS, the use of the Kiowa language as a military communications code provided a critical advantage to American and Allied Forces and contributed to the protection and saving of the lives of fellow service members during wartime; and,

WHEREAS, the service of the Kiowa Code Talkers demonstrates the strength, resilience, intelligence, and enduring importance of the Kiowa language, which became an invaluable instrument in the defense of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Congressional Gold Medal is among the highest civilian honors bestowed by the United States Congress and serves as a lasting acknowledgment of the important contribution made by Native American Code Talkers to the history and defense of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Tribe recognizes that the legacy of the Kiowa Code Talkers extends beyond their military accomplishments and represents the sacred responsibility to preserve, protect, teach, and carry forward the Kiowa language for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Kiowa Tribe formally honor these warriors and ensure that their courage, sacrifice, language, and contributions are remembered by present and future generations of Kiowa people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Kiowa Legislature**, having been delegated certain authorities under the Kiowa Constitution, hereby honors and recognizes the enduring legacy, courage, sacrifice, and distinguished military service of the **Kiowa Code Talkers, Leonard Cozad Sr., John Tsatoke, and James Paddletly**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kiowa Legislature hereby proclaims **October 15 of each year as “Kiowa Code Talkers Day”** within the Kiowa Tribe in remembrance of the Kiowa Code Talkers and in recognition of the Congressional Gold Medal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kiowa Tribe encourages Tribal citizens, departments, schools, cultural programs, veterans, families, and communities to observe Kiowa Code Talkers Day through education, remembrance, cultural activities, language preservation, and recognition of the military service of the Kiowa Code Talkers; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kiowa Tribe shall continue to honor the Kiowa language as a vital part of Kiowa identity, sovereignty, history, culture, and survival and shall recognize the Kiowa Code Talkers as enduring examples of service to both the Kiowa people and the United States of America.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall serve as a permanent expression of the gratitude and respect of the Kiowa Tribe for the Kiowa Code Talkers and their families and shall ensure that their extraordinary contributions, sacrifice, and legacy shall never be forgotten.

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 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 Q. Primus II
Speaker of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION KL-CY-2026-00X**Sponsors:** Tiya Rosario, District 5.**Co-Sponsors:**

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

CERTIFICATION

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