



KIOWA TRIBE

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OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATURE

Resolution Number: KL-CY-2026-0XX

Authorization of Contracting with the Federal Government for a BIA Self-Governance Compact and Associated Funding Act of 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (“Tribe”) with a constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior (“Constitution”); and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Tribe is vested with the authority to pass laws and resolutions authorizing the Chairman of the Tribe to negotiate and enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tribe pursuant to Article VI, Section 6(a) of the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature has previously authorized and directed the Chairman to negotiate and execute Self-determination Act contracts, called “638-contracts”, pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act of 1975, as amended, PL 93-638 (“ISDEAA”), with the federal government to assume and takeover the administrative functions previously provided the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”); and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe currently contracts with the BIA to administer multiple 638-contracts with the BIA, and desires to also operate any other new programs that it might be eligible for under a new Title IV Self-Governance agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the ISDEAA also provide for Self-Governance agreements or compacts with the Tribe to aggregate 638-contracts, re-design the programs, authorize funding transfers, and authorize funding carry-over, and the Tribe’s decision to aggregate current and future 638-contracts and turning them into one Self-Governance agreement represents a continuation of the Tribe’s self-determination to provide the Tribe with maximum control of federally-funded programs and services, and an exercise of the Tribe’s sovereignty; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe is prepared to submit, or has already submitted, three years of the Tribe’s financial audits that contain no material audit exceptions as part of its application for a Self-Governance agreement with the BIA, which demonstrates the Tribe’s financial capability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby passes the attached law entitled, “Authorization of Contracting with the Federal Government for a BIA Self-Governance Compact and Associated Funding Act of 2026”, authorizing and directing the Chairman to negotiate and execute a Self-Governance Compact with the BIA on behalf of the Tribe, subject to ratification by the Legislature.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby authorizes the Chairman and his authorized designees to coordinate with the BIA Office of Self Governance, and all other appropriate agencies and organizations for the compilation of all information necessary to negotiate and execute a Self-Governance Agreement, including the authority to execute any and all required documents and take such further action as may be necessary to implement this Resolution and law.

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, () 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

Sponsor: Cole Kickingbird-DeLaune, District 4 Legislator

Co-Sponsor:

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-2026-00X was presented to the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe on the __th 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

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

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-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 1.1 Short Title

This enactment shall be known as the, “Authorization of Contracting with the Federal Government for a BIA Self-Governance Compact and Associated Funding Act of 2026” (“Act”).

Section 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to authorize and direct the Chairman to negotiate and execute a Self-Governance Compact with the BIA as authorized under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, as amended.

Section 1.3 Findings

The Council hereby finds and declares that:

- (a) The Kiowa Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (“Tribe”) with a constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior (“Constitution”); and,
- (b) The Legislature of the Tribe is vested with the authority to pass laws and resolutions authorizing the Chairman of the Tribe to negotiate and enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Tribe pursuant to Article VI, Section 6(a) of the Constitution; and,
- (c) The Legislature has previously authorized and directed the Chairman to negotiate and execute Self-determination Act contracts, called “638-contracts”, pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act of 1975, as amended, PL 93-638 (“ISDEAA”), with the federal government to assume and takeover the administrative functions previously provided the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”); and,
- (d) The ISDEAA also provide for Self-Governance agreements or compacts with the Tribe to aggregate 638-contracts, re-design the programs, authorize funding transfers, and authorize funding carry-over, and the Tribe’s decision to aggregate current and future 638-contracts and turning them into one Self-Governance agreement represents a continuation of the Tribe’s self-determination to provide the Tribe with maximum control of federally-funded programs and services, and an exercise of the Tribe’s sovereignty; and,
- (e) The Tribe currently contracts with the BIA to administer multiple 638-contracts with the BIA, and desires to also operate any other new programs under a new Title IV Self-Governance agreement; and,
- (f) The Tribe is prepared to submit, or has already submitted, three years of the Tribe’s financial audits that contain no material audit exceptions as part of its application for a Self-Governance agreement with the BIA, which demonstrates the Tribe’s financial capability.

Section 1.4 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Self-Governance Agreement with the BIA

- (a) The Legislature hereby passes the attached law entitled, “Authorization of Contracting with the Federal Government for a BIA Self-Governance Compact and Associated Funding Act of 2026”, authorizing and directing the Chairman to negotiate and execute a Self-Governance Compact with the BIA on behalf of the Tribe, subject to ratification by the Legislature.

- (b) The Legislature hereby authorizes the Chairman and his authorized designees to coordinate with the BIA Office of Self Governance, and all other appropriate agencies and organizations for the compilation of all information necessary to negotiate and execute a Self-Governance Agreement, including the authority to execute any and all required documents and take such further action as may be necessary to implement this Resolution and law.