



# KIOWA TRIBE

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**Resolution Number: KL-CY-2026-0XX**

## **Authorization of Contracting with the Federal Government for an IHS 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 functions previously provided by federal agencies including the Indian Health Service (“IHS”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the ISDEAA also provides for Self-Governance agreements or compacts with the Tribe to aggregate 638-contracts, assume new federal functions and duties, re-design the programs, authorize funding transfers, and authorize funding carry-over, and the Tribe’s decision to aggregate current and/or 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 currently contracts with the Indian Health Service (“IHS”) to administer certain functions and programs, and desires to also operate such programs and any other new programs under a Title IV Self-Governance agreement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe currently has an ownership interest in property and buildings that may be utilized for health care purposes related to the Self-Governance agreement, and/or the Tribe intends to lease suitable property for such proposes; 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 IHS, 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 an IHS Self-Governance Compact and Associated Funding Act of 2026”, authorizing and directing the Chairman to negotiate and execute a Self-Governance Compact with the IHS 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 IHS 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.

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Michael Q. Primus II  
Speaker of the Legislature

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION – KL-CY-2026-00X**

Sponsor: Cole Kickingbird-DeLaune

Co-Sponsor:

<b>LEGISLATORS</b>	<b>YES Hàu</b>	<b>NO Hàu:né</b>	<b>ABSTAIN Háun á</b>	<b>ABSENT Héngyádàu</b>
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.

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Michael Q. Primus II  
Speaker of the Legislature

**CHAIRMAN’S ACTION:**

APPROVED

VETO - RETURNED TO LEGISLATURE WITH EXPLANATION:

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On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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David B. Sullivan  
Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe

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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				

**CERTIFICATION**

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.

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 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 an IHS 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 Indian Health Service (“IHS”) 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 functions previously provided by federal agencies including the Indian Health Service (“IHS”); and,
- (d) The ISDEAA also provides for Self-Governance agreements or compacts with the Tribe to aggregate 638-contracts, assume new federal functions and duties, re-design the programs, authorize funding transfers, and authorize funding carry-over, and the Tribe’s decision to aggregate current and/or 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 Indian Health Service (“IHS”) to administer certain functions and programs, and desires to also operate such programs and any other new programs under a Title IV Self-Governance agreement; and,
- (f) The Tribe currently has an ownership interest in property and buildings that may be utilized for health care purposes related to the Self-Governance agreement, and/or the Tribe intends to lease suitable property for such proposes; and,
- (g) 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 IHS, which demonstrates the Tribe's financial capability.

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

- (a) The Legislature hereby passes the attached law entitled, "Authorization of Contracting with the Federal Government for an IHS Self-Governance Compact and Associated Funding Act of 2026", authorizing and directing the Chairman to negotiate and execute a Self-Governance Compact with the IHS 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 IHS 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.