



KIOWA TRIBE

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

The First Amendment to the Protecting Our Democracy Act of 2026

At a duly called Legislative Regular Session _____ of the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe held this _____ day of _____, 2025, the following resolution, was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Tribe is organized and governed by the Kiowa Constitution, which was duly ratified by qualified Members of the Tribe on April 17, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature is vested with the authority to pass laws and resolutions by Article VI, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, transparency is the bedrock of trust in the democratic process as well as a cornerstone of many state and municipal election infrastructures; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is in the best interests of the Tribe and the Kiowa people to create mechanisms in alignment with existing Kiowa law to strengthen transparency in Kiowa elections; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature has identified the need for clarification in existing language in statute regarding specific provisions pertaining to Kiowa elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby passes The Protecting Our Democracy Act of 2026.

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 _____ Session CIX-(109)**, 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: Tiya Rosario, District 5

CO-SPONSOR(S): Kyle Ataddlety, District 1

LEGISLATORS	YES Hàu	NO Hàu:né	ABSTAIN Háun á	ABSENT Héñgyádàu
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 Hâu	NO Hâu:né	ABSTAIN Háun á	ABSENT Héñgyádàu
Kyle Ataddlety District 1				
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1.1 Short Title

This law will be cited as The First Amendment to the Protecting Our Democracy Act of 2026.

1.2 Purpose

These measures are enacted to provide gap-fill transparency provisions in complement to existing Tribe election processes and Tribe law in effect.

1.3 Primacy

To the extent there is a conflict, this enactment supersedes and replaces all prior and existing internal Executive Branch policies, regulations, or rules whether written, verbal, official, or informal. The provisions of this Act shall govern.

1.4 Severability

Should any provision of this enactment be held invalid or unenforceable by a court exercising jurisdiction over the Kiowa Tribe, the remaining provisions shall survive and remain in effect and fully enforceable.

1.5 Sunshine Provisions

- (a) All nomination petitions received by the Election Commission under Article IX, Section 4 of the Kiowa Constitution, all signatures upon such nominations, and any other matter contained within such nomination petitions shall be made available to any Registered Voter of the Tribe for inspection by the Commission at its office – or, in the absence of its customary office, in a location at the Kiowa Tribe Complex – during the normal business hours of the Election Commission. All nomination petitions, signatures, and any other matters contained within a nomination petition shall be made available pursuant to this enactment from the morning after the day on which the candidate filing period closes until the final
- (b) election results are no longer subject to appeal. Within 90 days after an election is complete and no longer appealable or within 90 days after any proceeding on appeal has been completed, all nomination petitions, signatures, any other matters contained within a nomination petition, and all original records of the election shall be retained as part of the permanent record of the election and transferred to the Office of Records Management for archiving.
- (c) All referendum or initiative petitions received by the Election Commission under Article XI, Section 2 of the Kiowa Constitution, all signatures upon such nominations, and any other matter contained within such referendum or initiative petitions shall be made available to any Registered Voter of the Tribe for inspection by the Commission at its office – or, in the absence of its customary office, in a location at the Kiowa Tribe Complex – during the normal business hours of the Election Commission. All ~~nomination~~ referendum and initiative petitions, signatures, and any other matters contained within a ~~nomination~~ referendum or initiative petition shall be made available pursuant to this enactment from the morning after the day on which the Commission

signature validation process has concluded until the final election results are no longer subject to appeal. Within 90 days after an election is complete and no longer appealable or within 90 days after any proceeding on appeal has been completed, all referendum and/or initiative petitions, signatures, any other matters contained within a referendum or initiative petition, and all original records of the election shall be retained as part of the permanent record of the election and transferred to the Office of Records Management for archiving.

- (d) All recall petitions received by the Election Commission under Article XI, Section 2 of the Kiowa Constitution, all signatures upon such recall petitions, and any other matter contained within a recall petition shall be made available to any Registered Voter of the Tribe for inspection by the Commission at its office – or, in the absence of its customary office, in a location at the Kiowa Tribe Complex – during the normal business hours of the Election Commission. All ~~nominations~~ recall petitions, signatures, and any other matters contained within a ~~nominations~~ recall petition shall be made available pursuant to this enactment from the morning after the day on which the Commission signature validation process has concluded until the final election results are no longer subject to appeal. Within 90 days after a recall election is complete and no longer appealable or within 90 days after any proceeding on appeal has been completed, all recall petitions, signatures, any other matters contained within a recall petition, and all original records of the recall election shall be retained as part of the permanent record of the election and transferred to the Office of Records Management for archiving.

1.6 Election Record Maintenance

Records of elections shall be maintained by the Office of Records Management. Within ninety (90) days after an election is complete and no longer appealable or within (90) days after any proceeding on appeal has been completed, the permanent record of the election shall be transferred to the Office of Records Management for archiving.

1.7 Effectiveness

This enactment shall be deemed effective as of the date that it is approved by the Legislature and (a) signed into law by the Chairman or (b) the expiration of the period of ten (10) calendar days allotted by the Constitution to the Chairman for consideration following presentment of an enactment or (c) a veto override is duly approved and signed by the Speaker of the Legislature or Speaker pro tempore.