

KIOWA TRIBE
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING
DATE June 21, 2025
RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK
RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-0011-2025

DATE RECEIVED: 05/7/2025 **POSTED:** 5/22/2025 **DATE APPROVED:**

SUBJECT: A resolution to amend Article IV - Membership, Section 1. Of the Kiowa Constitution

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation from time immemorial and is federally recognized as a Tribal Government by the United States; and,

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe is organized under the Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs on May 5, 2017; and,

WHEREAS: Article V, Section 3(b) of the Constitution grants the Kiowa Indian Council the power to set policy for the Tribe, and the Council shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS: We, the members of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe, under the authority granted to the Kiowa Indian Council by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, in order to preserve for ourselves and our children the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, governed under the laws of the Kiowa Constitution, to preserve Kiowa cultural values, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and,

WHEREAS: We, members of the Kiowa Tribe, are descended from an ancient people from the far north who survived war, pestilence, and westward settlement to reside on our current land base in SW Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS: We are descendants of the survivors of catastrophic U.S. Indian policies of the late 1800's and subsequent pacts including the General Allotment Act and the Jerome Agreement; and,

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Constitution of 2017, Article IV - Membership, Sections 1 and 2 qualifies membership in the Tribe on the blood quantum of Original Allottees; and,

WHEREAS: Today, many descendants of our great Kiowa warriors and leaders do not meet the blood quantum requirement threshold of $\frac{1}{4}$ set out in Article IV Section 1 (b) of the 2017 Kiowa Constitution; and,

WHEREAS: The preservation and continuation of our tribe has become of tantamount importance,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: A new part (c) will be added to Section 1. Qualifying Membership, under ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP of the Kiowa Constitution that will read:

(c) Any descendant of any Original Allottee or other unallotted family member who is recorded as a person of Kiowa Blood of any degree on the Kiowa Family Register from the first allotment in 1902 until the last allotment was recorded, shall be eligible for enrollment and recognition by the Kiowa Tribe as a member and addition to the roll regardless of Blood Quantum, to be effective immediately upon the passage of this amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Kiowa Tribe until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

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Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. _____:

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2025 Special Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Special Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the ___ day of _____, 20__, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For: _____ Opposed: _____ Abstention: _____

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council