

KIOWA TRIBE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 21, 2025

RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK

RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-0006-2025

DATE RECEIVED: 05/06/2025 POSTED: 05/22/2025 DATE APPROVED:

**SUBJECT: QUALIFYING MEMBERSHIP KIOWA INDIAN BLOOD REQUIREMENT
REDUCTION**

WHEREAS: the Kiowa Tribe is a sovereign nation since 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 shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by the Constitution

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: ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH B OF THE KIOWA TRIBE CONSTITUTION DATED APRIL 17, 2017 STATES “DESCENDANTS OF PERSONS IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 1(A) OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT; PROVIDED, THEY FILE AN APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT WITH THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND POSSESS AT LEAST ONE-FOURTH DEGREE KIOWA INDIAN AND/OR KIOWA CAPTIVE BLOOD. UPON DETERMINATION BY THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE TRIBE.”

WHEREAS: THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT OF POSSESSING AT LEAST ONE-FOURTH DEGREE KIOWA INDIAN AND/OR KIOWA CAPTIVE BLOOD IS PROGRESSIVELY MINIMIZING TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND WILL LEAD TO THE END OF OUR SOVEREIGN NATION.

WHEREAS: THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT OF POSSESSING AT LEAST ONE-FOURTH DEGREE KIOWA INDIAN AND/OR KIOWA CAPTIVE BLOOD DOES NOT PROMOTE THE COMMON GOOD AND WELL BEING FOR THE TRIBE, IT DOES NOT PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR CULTURE AND TRADITIONS, IT DOES NOT PROTECT LAND, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES, IT DOES NOT PROMOTE NOR PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE, IT DOES NOT ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE, IT DOES NOT FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IT DOES NOT PROTECT THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERS, IT DOES NOT PROMOTE SELF-GOVERNMENT AND ENSURE THE POLITICAL INTEGRITY OF THE TRIBE, IT DOES NOT PRESERVE, SECURE NOR EXERCISE ALL THE INHERENT SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND POWERS OF OUR TRIBE.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby; AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH B OF THE KIOWA TRIBE CONSTITUTION DATED APRIL 17, 2017 TO STATE AS FOLLOWS: “DESCENDANTS OF PERSONS IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 1(A) OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT; PROVIDED, THEY FILE AN APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT WITH THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND POSSESS AT **LEAST ONE-EIGHTH DEGREE KIOWA INDIAN AND/OR KIOWA CAPTIVE BLOOD**. UPON DETERMINATION BY THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE TRIBE.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, presented at a [Annual/Special] Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council held on [insert date] and approved by majority vote and that no such action of the Council shall become effective until the voters approve such matter in a subsequent election; shall, be the policy of the Kiowa Tribe, authorize the Chairman to enter into (insert specific agreement), or initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of the proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution.

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 Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Annual Kiowa Indian Council Meeting or Special 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