

KIOWA TRIBE
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2023
RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK
RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-OO10-2023

DATE POSTED:

DATE APPROVED:

SUBJECT: **RECINDING RESOLUTION KL-CY2021-0001 THE EMERGENCY VIDEO CONFERENCING ACT OF 2021 AND IMPLEMENTING GERONIMO'S COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION GROWTH ACT OF 2023**

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 a Constitution approved by Tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs 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 by 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 health, safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS: KL-CY-2021-0001 The Emergency Video Conferencing Act of 2021 is a clear violation of the Kiowa Constitution as the meetings are mandated to take place at the Tribal Headquarters with a proper quorum and in order for this to be legal it must follow the process of a Constitutional amendment which can only be done by the Kiowa Indian Council, was implemented for the sole purpose for maintaining a control of power and way for the Kiowa Legislature to manipulate Tribal laws and Legislation by completing ignoring the Kiowa Indian Council the Governing Body, of the Kiowa Tribe, as they use this Unconstitutional piece of legislation to hold meetings and draft legislation and laws that pertains only to their cherry picked personal pet projects and nothing coming from the Kiowa Indian Council and with absolutely no direction and/or proper input whatsoever from the Governing Body. Using Zoom allows the Legislature to control who is allowed to participate and an overwhelming ability to strip the council members of their voices; and

WHEREAS: The Emergency Video Conferencing Act of 2021 was implemented under the idea of Safety due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, but the Legislature has failed to show equal concern to the Kiowa Indian Council and has failed to assist the Council with being able to properly hold Council meetings and Tribal elections causing the Kiowa Indian Council to become a dormant body successfully stripping the Kiowa Indian Council of their abilities to Properly Govern the Kiowa Tribe like the Governing Body is supposed to do; and,

WHEREAS: aside from the fact that the Pandemic is no longer a threat of that nature, and the Legislature can hold meetings in person as mandated by the Kiowa Constitution taking precautions just the same as they have caused the Kiowa Indian Council during the whole Pandemic period the Kiowa Indian Council as a Governing Body of the Kiowa Tribe needs a proper way to communicate and participate with an ability to utilize their voice and participate in the major decision making of what direction the KIC wants the Kiowa Tribe to move in. This has been a necessity and a major component for the Kiowa Indian Council to be able to properly govern the Kiowa Tribe like the Governing Body is supposed to do. The Kiowa Indian Council simply cannot be expected to meet once a year and hope that we make legal quorum to do any business and then in the middle of the day have a years' worth of Tribal business dumped on us with expectations of making an educated informed, decisions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby resolve; Rescinds KL-CY-2021-0001 The Emergency Video Conferencing Act of 2021 and direct the Kiowa Legislature to revert back to and hold any and all Legislature meetings in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution and at the Tribal Headquarters. And the Kiowa Indian Council directs both the Legislature and Executive Branch to assist with the implementation of Geronimo's Communication and Participation Growth Act of 2023 under the direction of Steve Geronimo Hopkins so that he can oversee and make certain this Act is completely and properly implemented to completion. Geronimo's Communication and Participation Growth Act of 2023 will install computers/electronic devices internet service to every Kiowa member home at NO COST TO THE MEMBERS. This Resolution will take effect immediately after KIC approval.

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

2023 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairman, _____

ATTEST:

Secretary, _____

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. _____:

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2023 Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; _____ was present at the duly called Annual Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the ____ of _____, 2023, and that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote:

FOR: _____ **OPPOSED:** _____ **ABSENTIAN:** _____

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council _____