



KIOWA TRIBE

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

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF TRIBE MEMBER LAVETTA JO YEAHQO

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 a sovereign nation and has been so since time immemorial; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe exercises full enjoyment of the inherent powers of government, including self-determination and autonomy over internal affairs encompassing Tribe citizens, lands, and resources; and,

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2017, qualified voters of the Tribe ratified the Kiowa Constitution as “the supreme law of the land”; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Lavetta Jo Yeahquo, an esteemed Kiowa elder who joined the ancestors on September 23, 2025, for her lifelong activism on behalf of Indigenous rights, women’s empowerment, human dignity, environmental justice, the abolition of systems of violence, and the promotion of peace and equity; and,

WHEREAS, as a veteran of the Wounded Knee occupation of 1973 and a champion of the American Indian Movement, Ms. Yeahquo gifted younger generations of the Tribe with an enduring legacy of leadership and citizen advocacy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kiowa Legislature, having been delegated certain authorities under the Kiowa Constitution, hereby designates March 31, 2026, as Lavetta Jo Yeahquo Day in the Kiowa Tribe and calls on its Members to join in honoring the memory of Thone-gyuah-aim-tow-yaw-mah, Caiugu matriarch and woman warrior.