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**KIOWA TRIBE
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4th, 2026**

RESOLUTION No. _____ KICCY2026

KIOWA TRIBE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE ELDERS' AGE DUE TO HEALTH FACTORS

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Indian Council is a branch of the Kiowa tribal government composed of all Members of the Tribe age eighteen and older; and

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Indian Council is empowered to represent the Kiowa people through the exercise of those reserved powers delineated at Article V, Section 3 of the Kiowa Constitution of 2017, along with those powers not otherwise explicitly delegated to, or implied in the other branches of the Kiowa Tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Indian Council has heard from Kiowa members who asked for a change to be made to the Kiowa Tribal elders' age due to health factors. For example, Diabetes, Heart disease, existing COVID, Cancer, Substance abuse, and

WHEREAS, due to critical health factors, the Kiowa Indian Council has recognized that the tribal elders' numbers will continue to decline due to health factors that we did not have in 2017. It is critical to our struggle to preserve our language, our customs, and our Kiowa ways. The new elder age will be changed to the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, the Kiowa Indian Council is vested with the constitutional authority to initiate the process to change the age of the Kiowa Tribe Elders by submitting a resolution to the Kiowa Indian Council proposed resolution will be placed before the voters if significant support for those changes is found among our people; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all benefits that the elders currently receive at age 62 will now be at the age of 55 as soon as the resolution passes. 55 is now the new Kiowa Elder age.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all benefits currently received by Kiowa elders age 62 and up will now be for 55 and up as soon as the resolution passes. 55 is the new Kiowa tribe elder age is now 55.

Section 1.1 Resolution to change the elder age

This shall be known as the “Kiowa Tribe resolution to change elder age due to health factors.

Section 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of the resolution is to change the Kiowa Tribe elder age and all benefits that the Kiowa Tribe offers at 62 and up will now be offered to ages 55 and up

Section 1.3 Findings

The Kiowa Indian Council has heard from many Kiowa members who asked for a change in the elders' age due to health factors. For example, diabetes, heart disease, existing COVID, cancer, and substance abuse.

Current enrollment as of 2-4-26-Total tribal member-**10309**

62-100 as of 2-4-26-**2161**.

55 to 62 as of 2-4-26-**1337**.

Total number of after adding 55-**3498**

Surrounding tribe’s elder age

Apache Tribe-55 and up

Caddo Nation-55 and up

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes-55 and up

Section 1.4 Final approval by voters

The Kiowa Indian Council is vested with the constitutional authority to initiate the process to change the age of the Kiowa Tribe Elders by submitting a resolution to the Kiowa Indian Council proposed resolution will be placed before the voters if significant support for those changes is found among our people. All benefits that the elderly receive at 62 will now be for those 55 and up. As soon as the resolution passes, 55 is now the new Kiowa elder age.

Sponsor: Kyle Ataddlety

Co-Sponsors: Tiya Rosario, Cole DeLaune

CERTIFICATION

2026 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. _____:

I, K.I.C. Coordinator, hereby certify this Resolution No. KICCY-2026-** to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Kiowa Indian Council at the Kiowa Indian Council annual meeting held on April 4, 2026, there being a quorum present, by vote of ___ YES, ___ NO, ___ abstain, ___ absent.

Kiowa Indian Council Coordinator



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February 4, 2026

To Whom it may Concern

Here are the following numbers:

Current enrollment as 2-4-26 – **10309**

55 to 62 as for 2-4-26 – **1337**

62 to 100 as of 2-4-26 – **2161**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Poolaw". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela Poolaw,
Kiowa Tribe
Enrollment Admin Asst.