

**KIOWA TRIBE**  
**KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 7, 2018**  
**RED BUFFALO HALL, CARNEGIE, OK**  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DATE POSTED:**

**DATE APPROVED:**

**SUBJECT: REPEAL OF ENROLLMENT MEMBERSHIP ACT 2017**

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

**WHEREAS:** The Kiowa Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under a Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior 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; and,

**WHEREAS:** the people of the Kiowa Tribe, pursuant to our inherent sovereignty, seek to improve, promote, and maintain our language, culture, traditions, and the independence of our people, to guarantee individual rights and freedom of religion, to preserve our right of self-government, to promote the social and economic welfare of our members, and to utilize, increase, and protect our tribal resources, maintain peace and order, and safeguard our individual rights; and,

**WHEREAS:** the citizens of the Tribe reserve the right, guaranteed by the Kiowa Constitution, to require a popular vote on any law or proposed law by binding Referendum or Initiative; and,

**WHEREAS:** the Kiowa Indian Council is composed of all Members of the Tribe age eighteen and older, and Members of the Tribe age eighteen or older shall be eligible to vote in an election, and absentee voting shall be permitted for eligible voters who are registered in a District and who are unable to vote at the polls for reasons established by law, or in absence of the law, by regulations promulgated by the Election Commission; and,

**WHEREAS:** the Kiowa Tribe has no traditional concept of disenrollment, and that tribal membership means citizenship and to be disenrolled is to lose that citizenship, and to lose a sense of identity and family.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby assert that the Kiowa Constitution has membership and eligibility requirements in place that when followed are sufficient to protect the sovereignty of the Kiowa Tribe, and that there is no need for a law prescribing terms of disenrollment; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution and notwithstanding any other law of the Tribe, the Council may exercise the right to improve the functions and procedures of the Tribe's government, address flaws and weaknesses in the laws enacted by the Legislature without the input of the Council and that all decisions of the Council shall be embodied in a written resolution; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that as per the Kiowa Constitution, the Kiowa Indian Council does hereby commit to exercising the right to enact legislation by popular vote and repeal the law called The Enrollment Membership Act of 2017, and through the constitutional provision of an Initiative that will be put into motion by a valid petition signed by four hundred qualified voters, and thereafter the Election Commission shall, after validating the signatures on the petition, call and hold a Special Election to vote on whether the enactment shall thereafter be in effect; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Kiowa Indian Council through this Resolution rejects the value placed by the Legislature on the concept of disenrollment and the Enrollment Membership Act of 2017, and will repeal said Act by the constitutional provision of an Initiative-based Special Election.

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**2018 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL OF THE KIOWA TRIBE**

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_:

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2018 Annual Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Annual Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote:

For: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council