

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

DATE POSTED:

DATE APPROVED:

SUBJECT: CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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 on May 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS: Article V, section 3(b) of the Kiowa 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 amend the Kiowa Constitution, and to do so by either calling for a Special Meeting through a petition signed by four-hundred Members of the Tribe who are eighteen years of age and older, or that the Kiowa Legislature exercises the provisions of Article V, Section 4(b) of the Kiowa Constitution and request a Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council; 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby commits to initiating the process to amend the Constitution by voting to take such action at a valid Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council and to place the topics on the agenda; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kiowa Indian Council does hereby call on the Kiowa Legislature to exercise the provisions of Article V, Section 4(b) of the Kiowa Constitution and request a Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council to improve the functions and procedures of the Tribe's government through constitutional amendments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as per the Kiowa Constitution, should the Kiowa Legislature refuse to request a Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council, then the Council does hereby commit to exercise the right to call for a Special Meeting by a petition signed by four-hundred Members of the Tribe who are eighteen years of age and older, the purpose of the Special Meeting shall be to consider, discuss, and deliberate Kiowa Constitutional amendments regarding the following proposals:

- (1). To add a Bi-annual Kiowa Indian Council to be held in the fall at 11 am Central Time (adhering to the same schedule prescribed for the Annual Meeting);
- (2). To change the quorum requirement for any Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council to 75;
- (3). To change the signature requirement of petitions necessary to call for Special Meetings of the Kiowa Indian Council, Referendums, and Initiatives to 150;
- (4). To change from a percentage of voters needed to cast a vote in a Special Election amending the Kiowa Constitution to a flat number of 700.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Kiowa Indian Council through this Resolution gives notice to the Executive and Legislative branches of the government of the Kiowa Tribe of the wishes of Tribal Members to improve the Kiowa Constitution in order to realistically participate as an equal branch of tribal government.

2018 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairperson

ATTEST:

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 7th day of April 2018, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote:

For: _____ Opposed: _____ Abstention: _____

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council