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EXECUTIVE BRANCH

To: The Kiowa People

From: Matthew M. Komalty, Chairman

Subject: Cancellation of Election for December 26, 2020

Date: December 14, 2020

The purpose of this memorandum is to officially notify each of you that the election which was scheduled for December 26 is cancelled. Many of you have received the notice and the ballot, however, the processes that have taken place to place the election were not in compliance according to the Constitutional authorities. Additionally, a quorum for the Kiowa Tribe Election Commission has not yet been re-established.

District Legislator 5, Anita Johnson, provided to my staff Resolution KL-CY-2020-0011; First Modification to the Annual Budget Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. I took no action as it was not certified and provided a memo dated for November 25, 2020 to Speaker Marilyn Bread denoting that I could not approve nor veto the Resolution without the certification. Consequently, under those circumstances I reiterate that I did not approve or veto the Resolution. I have attached a copy of this memorandum for your information.

The Legislators took it upon themselves to submit the Resolution to the Election Commission with an appropriate position to move forward. District Legislator 5, Anita Johnson and Marilyn Bread, District 3 Legislator, Speaker, presented the unauthorized Resolution to the Election Commissioner’s office and the Election Commissioners moved forward.

The Legislators violated the mandated Constitutional process.

Article VII – Executive Branch, Section 4 Powers, (f) states:

The Chairman shall have the power to sign any enactment passed by the Legislature into law or to veto with written explanations any enactment passed by the Legislature within ten days of passage and presentment of a certified enactment from the Legislature to the Chairman; provided, that if the Chairman takes no action within ten days, the enactment shall become law in accordance with this Constitution.

Matthew M. Komalty, Chairman