



# KIOWA TRIBE

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**KIOWA TRIBE  
RESOLUTION NO. KL-CY-2021-XXXX  
ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF NATIVE IMAGERY AS MASCOTS**

At a duly called meeting of the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe on this 13th day of JUNE, 2021, the following Resolution was adopted.

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

**WHEREAS;** The Kiowa Tribe is vested with the sacred duty to protect the physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of its most treasured gifts – its children; and,

**WHEREAS;** The continued use of Native imagery for race-based Indian logo, mascot, and name symbolism has a profound negative impact on the psyche of American Indian children as proven by the research of Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Dr. Stephanie Fryberg and others; and,

**WHEREAS;** The State of Colorado is considering legislation to ban use of Native imagery by its public schools to prohibit continued use of stereotypes which detracts from the proud history, cultures, and traditions of Native peoples, and is harmful to Native children; and,

**WHEREAS;** The Kiowa Legislature supports the efforts of their fellow Legislators in the State of Colorado to eliminate continued use of race-based Native logos, mascots, and names from its public schools; and,

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE IT RESOLVED;** that the Kiowa Legislature hereby calls for the elimination of race-based Native logos, mascots, and names from public schools in the State of Colorado.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the Legislature on \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_, at a meeting with a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ opposed, and \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining pursuant to the authority vested in the Legislature by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe.

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Anita Onco Johnson, District V  
Legislative Secretary