RESOLUTION NUMBER: KIC-CY-0049-2019

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SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL INITIATING THE PROCESS TO AMEND THE KIOWA CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V – KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL - SECTION 3, RESERVED POWERS – PART B SUBSECTION III.

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, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs 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

WHEREAS: We, the members of the Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe, under the authority granted to the Kiowa Indian Council by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, in order to preserve for ourselves and our children the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, governed under the laws of the Kiowa Constitution, to preserve Kiowa cultural values, and promote the health, safety and welfare of the Kiowa people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS: the Kiowa Indian Council determines that the language in Article V, Section 3, Part (b), Subsection (iii), is in conflict with the procedures of Article XIV Amendments, and also determines the language is unspecific and confusing, therefore necessitating an amendment to clarify the Council’s amendment procedures and ensure they do not conflict with Article XIV.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Kiowa Indian Council approves the following Amendment question to be placed on ballot. “Shall Article V, Section 3, Reserved Powers, Part (b) subsection (iii) which currently reads: (iii) The Council shall have the power to initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of a proposed amendment along with the question of whether such proposed amendment should be placed before the voters in a subsequent Special Election to be held within one year and following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution.”

Be Amended to read:

(iii) “The Council shall have the power to initiate the process to amend the Constitution by voting to call a Special Election to place before the voters the text of a proposed amendment following the requirements of Article XIV of this Constitution.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kiowa Indian Council hereby calls for a Special Election to place the proposed amendment before voters and hereby directs the Office of the Council to submit the Council’s call for Special Election to the Kiowa Election Commission.
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon by the 2019 Annual Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was present at the duly called Annual Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on the 6th day of April 2019, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote:

For: _________ Opposed: _________ Abstention: _________

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council