



**A RESOLUTION OF THE APACHE BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO AFFIRM
THE SACRED STATUS OF PEYOTE (LOPHOPHORA WILLIAMSII) AND
OPPOSE ITS INCLUSION IN ANY PSYCHEDELIC DECRIMINALIZATION
OR COMMERCIALIZATION EFFORTS**

Resolution No. ABC-2025-016

WHEREAS, the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma is a sovereign Indigenous Nation with the inherent right to protect its sacred traditions, medicines, and ceremonial practices; and

WHEREAS, peyote (*Lophophora williamsii*) has been used for thousands of years by Indigenous Peoples in sacred ceremonies for healing, prayer, and spiritual guidance; and

WHEREAS, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) and associated federal statutes recognize the legal right of Native American Church members to use peyote in bona fide religious ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the increasing efforts to decriminalize and commercialize psychedelic substances at the state level—including psilocybin—pose an ecological, spiritual, and cultural threat to peyote and Indigenous religious sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, wild peyote populations are already endangered due to overharvesting and habitat destruction, and further access could lead to extinction and loss of sacred knowledge; and

WHEREAS, any attempt to regulate or legalize peyote without full consultation and free, prior, and informed consent from sovereign tribal nations constitutes a violation of tribal sovereignty and treaty rights;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma formally opposes the inclusion of peyote in any psychedelic decriminalization, legalization, or commercialization framework;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma demands that any future legislation or regulatory policy regarding psychedelics must explicitly exempt peyote and require tribal consultation;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma affirms peyote as a sacred medicine of the people, not a recreational substance, and commits to its spiritual protection, ecological preservation, and intergenerational respect.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted this 22 day of July, 2025, by the Business Committee of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, in a duly called meeting with a quorum present.



Durell Cooper, Chairman

ATTEST:



Dustin Cozad, Secretary/Treasurer

