

Kiowa Tribe
Kiowa Indian Council Meeting
April 6, 2024
RED BUFFALO HALL, Carnegie, Ok
Resolution Number: _____

Date Received: February 21, 2024

Date Approved: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL INITIATING THE PROCESS OF AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE KIOWA CONSTITUTION OF 2017 CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP TO LOWER THE KIOWA TRIBE BLOOD QUANTUM TO ONE-EIGHTH (1/8).

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 the 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; and,

WHEREAS: By observing other tribes who have lowered their blood quantum to 1/8, it is estimated that lowering our blood quantum to one-eight our enrollment number will increase our current Kiowa enrollment from 10,561 members by 1,500 to 2,000 people, an increase that our Kiowa Tribe can manage until our Kiowa Tribe's economic development goals become reality.

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 nation, 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 for the correct processing and handling of a proposed amendment by the Kiowa Election Commission,

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe enrollment criteria currently reads in the Kiowa Constitution approved in 2017:

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

(b) Descendants of persons identified in Section 1(a) of this Article shall be eligible for enrollment; provided they file an application for enrollment with the Enrollment Office and possess at least one-fourth degree Kiowa Indian and/or Kiowa Captive blood. Upon determination by the Enrollment Office that an individual meets the requirements for membership, the individual shall be enrolled as a Member of the Tribe; and;

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Tribe enrollment criteria proposed as Amendment/revision is to be as follows:

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

(b) Descendants of persons identified in Section 1(a) of this Article shall be eligible for enrollment; provided, they file an application for enrollment with the Enrollment Office and possess at least one-eighth degree Kiowa Indian and/or Kiowa Captive blood. Upon determination by the Enrollment Office that an individual meets the requirements for membership the individual shall be enrolled as a Member of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Indian Council is vested with the constitutional authority to initiate the process to amend the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe at the Annual Kiowa Indian Council meeting to have placed before the voters the texts of the proposed amendment if sufficient support for those changes is voted by the Kiowa Indian Council at our Annual meeting held on April 6, 2024.

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Indian Council has 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 the Kiowa Tribe Constitution.

WHEREAS: The Kiowa Indian Council asks the question to be placed on a Special Election ballot within the time frame allowed, **SHALL THE KIOWA TRIBE LOWER ITS BLOOD QUANTUM TO ONE-EIGHTH?**

YES ___ or NO ___.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Kiowa Tribe through the Kiowa Indian Council at their April 6, 2024 Annual meeting hereby makes the proposed enrollment change in order to protect family cohesion, cultural and traditional integrity, language growth, tribal sovereignty, tribal government status, self-determination, health, and welfare of the Kiowa people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this amendment to lower the Kiowa Tribe blood quantum to one-eighth shall be the policy of the Kiowa Tribe until it is officially withdrawn or modified.

2024 KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE KIOWA TRIBE

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, RESOLUTION NUMBER _____.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly voted upon at and by the 2024 Annual Kiowa Indian Council of the Kiowa Tribe; was presented at the duly called Annual Kiowa Indian Council Meeting held on

the _____ day of _____, 2024; and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by affirmative vote.

For: _____ Opposed _____ Abstention: _____

Secretary, Kiowa Indian Council

Submitted by Modina Waters