

TENTH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 14, 2025  
LCR, CONCHO, OK

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<b>RESOLUTION:</b>	A Resolution to Create and Establish a Tribal Utility Authority.
<b>RESOLUTION NO:</b>	10L-RS-2025-06-005
<b>DATE INTRODUCED:</b>	May 5, 2025
<b>SPONSOR:</b>	Kendricks Sleeper, A-2 District
<b>CO-SPONSOR:</b>	Diane Willis, A-1 District

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**SUBJECT:** A Resolution to Create and Establish a Tribal Utility Authority.

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes ("Tribes") are federally recognized Indian tribes, organized under a Constitution approved by Tribal membership on April 4, 2006, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 5(a) and (c) in the Constitution provides that "Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature" and "the Legislature shall have the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes;" and

**WHEREAS:** Article VII, Section 4(d) provides the Governor with "the power to negotiate and sign a contract, other than a gaming management contract, which has been previously authorized by the Tribal Council or Legislature;" and

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes recognize the importance of the Tribal Utility Authority to enhance the quality, longevity and sustainability of our resources, benefiting Tribal members and employees; and

**WHEREAS:** The Legislature acknowledges the need for such establishment to ensure a comprehensive plan for the improvement of all infrastructure on Tribal Lands. Infrastructure being defined as Energy (Electrical, Gas and Solar), Water and Telecommunications/Broadband;

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes has identified the need for an authority to centralize and oversee all opportunities and projects that come before the Tribe to improve and enhance all infrastructure to become more resilient while exercising sovereignty; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, pursuant to Article VII, Section 4(d) of the Tribal Constitution, does hereby support and approve the creation and establishment of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Tribal Utility Authority.



Kendricks Sleeper  
Speaker of the Tenth Legislature  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes




**ATTEST:**

I, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Bill No. 10L-RS-2025-06-005 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Tenth Legislature Regular Session, by a roll call vote on the 14th day of June 2025, by a vote.

**VOTE RECORD:**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
A1	Diane Willis	✓			
A2	Kendricks Sleeper	✓			
A3	Travis Ruiz				✓
A4	Rector Candy	✓			
C1	Bruce Whiteman, Jr.	✓			
C2	George Woods	✓			
C3	Thomas Trout				✓
C4	Byron Byrd	✓			
TOTAL		6			2
Passes (X) Fails ( ) Tabled ( ) Allowed to Die ( ) No Action ( )					

  
Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk  
Tenth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**ATTEST:**


Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(iv) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: "All Bills passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for signature or veto. All laws shall take effect thirty days after signature by the Governor or veto override by the Legislature unless any Member of the Tribes submits to the Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council a petition signed by at least one hundred fifty Members of the Tribal Council seeking to repeal the law or resolution at the next Tribal Council meeting. If the Tribal Council fails to repeal such law or resolution at the next Tribal Council where the matter has been properly placed on the agenda for the Tribal Council meeting, such law or resolution shall become effective immediately."

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 4, subsection (g) of the Tribes Constitution reads: "The Governor shall have the power to sign any enactment passed by the Legislature into law or to veto any enactment passed by the Legislature within ten days of passage with a written explanation of any objections; and if the Governor takes no action within ten days, then the enactment shall become law in accordance with this Constitution."

{ ☒ } APPROVED

{ ☐ } VETOED: Attachment \_\_\_\_; Governor's written explanation of any objections.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

  
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Reggie Wassana, Governor  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:**

**From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management**

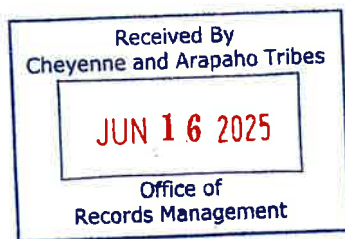
**ATTEST:**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(v), of the Tribes Constitution reads, "The Office of Records Management shall compile all Laws and Resolutions into a comprehensive Code in an orderly manner that shall be published annually."

Office of Records Management Staff, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Original Resolution No. 10L-RS-2025-06-005.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind

Print Name: Cheryl Blind

Title: Director

Date: 6/16/2025

Office of Records Management

Department of Administration, Executive Branch

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

