

**TENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL SESSION
JULY 17, 2025
CONCHO, OK**

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Submit an Application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place Title to Hammon Ranch Tracts 2 (476.9524± acres), 3 (80.667± acres), 5 (79.9293± acres), 6 (38.3567± acres), and 7 (428.3267± acres) in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma in the Name of the United States in Trust for the Benefit of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and to Repeal, Supersede, and Replace All Prior Resolutions Concerning Trust Applications for Said Tracts

RESOLUTION NO: 10L-SS-2025-0717-002
DATE INTRODUCED: July 10, 2025
SPONSOR: Kendricks Sleeper, District A2
CO-SPONSOR: Rector Candy, District A4

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Submit an Application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place Title to Hammon Ranch Tracts 2 (476.9524± acres), 3 (80.667± acres), 5 (79.9293± acres), 6 (38.3567± acres), and 7 (428.3267± acres) in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma in the Name of the United States in Trust for the Benefit of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and to Repeal, Supersede, and Replace All Prior Resolutions Concerning Trust Applications for Said Tracts

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 Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior is authorized to take land into trust for the benefit of Indian tribes in accordance with the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 465 ("IRA"), the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, 25

U.S.C § 501 (“OIWA”), and implementing federal regulations at 25 C.F.R. Part 151; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes desire to place title to the following described tracts of land near the town of Hammon, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma (“Hammon Ranch Tracts 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7”), in the name of the United States in trust for this benefit of the Tribes;

All interest in surface and surface rights only in and to tracts of land being in the following legal descriptions:

Tract 2: (As –Filed Legal Description) The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4), the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 SE/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

(As Surveyed description) The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 SE/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 SE/4), the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Tract 3: (As-filed legal description) The East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

(As Surveyed Description) The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Tract 5: (As-filed Legal Description) The East Half of the East Half (E/2 E/2) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Indian Meridian, according to the U.S. Government Survey thereof.

(As-Surveyed Description) The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4 NE/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE/4 NE/4), the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 SE/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Indian Meridian, according to the U.S. Government Survey thereof.

Tract 6: (As-filed Legal description) The Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Tract 7: (As-Filed Legal Description) Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), the South Half of the North Half (S/2 N/2) and the North Half of the South Half (N/2 S/4) of Section Two (2), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-

two (22) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

(As Surveyed Description) Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW/4 NW/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/4 NW/4), the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW/4 NE/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE/4 NE/4), the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4), the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW/4 SE/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4) of Section Two (2), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

WHEREAS: In 2022, LaRue Allee Switzer Stoller, Trustee of the LaRue Allee Switzer Family Trust, deeded fee title to the Hammon Ranch to the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes; and

WHEREAS: The tracts referenced in this resolution for the Hammon Ranch are unimproved lands currently used in livestock and agricultural operations, are located within the Tribes' former reservation boundaries, are owned in fee free and clear by the Tribes, and are not subject to any contractual obligations regarding its use; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes need the trust acquisition to expand the Tribes' trust land base within the Tribes' jurisdiction and to enhance tribal self-determination for future generations of tribal members; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes, which have no immediate specific plans for use of the Hammon Ranch, intend to use it for non-gaming purposes, to expand the Tribes' trust land base within economic advantages viable communities in the Tribes' jurisdiction; to enjoy tribal economic advantages established by Congress, such as the HEARTH Act; to provide services, benefits, and employment to the Tribes' members; and to realize true self-determination for future generations of tribal members; and to one day develop businesses to earn profits, employ tribal members, and realize true self-determination for future generations of tribal members; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes are preparing a trust application so that title to the Hammon Ranch may be taken by the United States in trust for the Tribes, in order to facilitate the Tribes' intended use of the Tract; and

WHEREAS: It is in the interest of the general welfare of the Tribes to obtain approval for placement of the Hammon Ranch into trust for the benefit of the Tribes, and the Tribes' Legislature is authorized to request such approval in accordance with the Tribes' Constitution, the IRA, and implementing federal regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, pursuant to Article VII, Section 4(d) of the Tribal Constitution does hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior, or his or her designee, take the Hammon Ranch in the name of the United States in trust for the benefit of the Tribes pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act, 25

U.S.C. § 465, and implementing federal regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor is authorized to act on behalf of the Tribes to direct and oversee the preparation, submission, and completion of a trust application on behalf of the Tribes and to perform all other executive acts necessary to complete the process for placing the Hammon Ranch into trust in the name of the United States for the benefit of the Tribes, including without limitation authorizing purchase of any necessary surveys, appraisals, abstracts, title insurance, environmental reviews or other necessary services and reports from tax commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor is further authorized to submit said trust application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on behalf of the Tribes and to act on behalf of the Tribes to execute all documents needed for the submission of said trust application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution hereby repeals, supersedes, and replaces any prior resolutions concerning the placement of the Hammon Ranch into trust for the benefit of the Tribes.



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-SS-2025-0717-002 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Tenth Legislature Special Session, by a roll call vote on the 17th day of July 2025.

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 17th day of July, 2025.


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-SS-2025-0717-002.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: _____

Cheryl Blind

Print Name: _____

Cheryl Blind

Title: _____

Director

Date: _____

7/17/2025

Office of Records Management

Department of Administration, Executive Branch

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes