

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

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Approve the Resubmission of the Application to NTIA to Develop a Broadband Network and Improve Broadband Access throughout the Tribal Jurisdiction

RESOLUTION NO: 10L-SS-2025-0717-003

DATE INTRODUCED: July 10, 2025

SPONSOR: Kendricks Sleeper, District A2

CO-SPONSOR: Rector Candy, District A4

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Approve the Resubmission of the Application to NTIA to Develop a Broadband Network and Improve Broadband Access throughout the Tribal Jurisdiction.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to 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) of the Constitution provides that Legislative power shall reside with the Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the “power to make all laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes;” and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution requires “Laws and resolutions which have been enacted shall remain valid until amended or repealed;” and

WHEREAS: The Legislature has the Constitutional obligation and public responsibility to the Tribes to oversee the Tribes’ operations in order to establish and promote justice, establish guidance and direction for the government and advance the general welfare of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS: The Tenth Legislature authorized the submission of an application to NTIA to develop a broadband network and provide broadband access throughout the Tribal jurisdiction through Resolution No. 10L-SS-2024-0111-001; and

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes were informed that all qualifying criteria was met, but due to reasons beyond our control, the project would be funded at a reduced amount of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS: A revised scope of work and budget was developed consistent with the original proposal; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tenth Legislature finds it necessary and proper to approve the resubmission of the application to NTIA to develop a broad band network and improve broadband access throughout the Tribal jurisdiction; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tenth Legislature, pursuant to Article VII, Section 4(d) of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution, does hereby approve and authorize the Governor to sign documents necessary for the re-submission of this application.



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-2025-0717-003 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-2025-0717-003.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blend
Print Name: Cheryl Blend
Title: Director
Date: 7/17/25

Office of Records Management
Department of Administration, Executive Branch
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Abstract

Grant: Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
Funder: National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Amount: \$500,000.00

This project seeks funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program to support the deployment of a reliable, scalable, and future-proof Hybrid Fiber Wireless broadband network within one of the United States' high-cost, hard-to-serve Tribal areas. The primary goal is to bridge the digital divide by delivering robust broadband infrastructure that meets current needs while remaining adaptable for future technological advancements.

The proposed network will directly serve Tribal members, local businesses, and anchor institutions by providing high-speed, dependable internet access critical for education, healthcare, commerce, and civic engagement. By integrating both fiber optic and wireless technologies, the project ensures both wide coverage and long-term service sustainability.

With a project duration of one year and a total budget of \$500,000.00, the initiative includes the hiring of a full-time Broadband Director and a part-time Community Broadband Developer. These roles are essential for overseeing implementation, engaging the community, and ensuring long-term operational success. The project represents a vital step toward digital equity and economic empowerment in Tribal communities.