

TENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Pay the Gaming Licensing Fees for Enrolled Cheyenne and Arapaho Employees.

RESOLUTION NO: 10L-RS-2025-09-003

DATE INTRODUCED: August 12, 2025

SPONSOR: George Woods, C2 District

CO-SPONSOR:

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Pay the Gaming Licensing Fees for Enrolled Cheyenne and Arapaho Employees.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are duly recognized by the United States Secretary of the Interior as a self-governing, Sovereign Nation, that is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges, and powers attended thereto as a sovereign government, and organized in accordance with Title 25 of the United States Code, Section 450, the “Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act,” and Article XVII of the Tribe’s Constitution and By-Laws and Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), under an amended Constitution ratified on August, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of Interior on May 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution provides that the Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature; and

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WHEREAS: the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq., and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gaming Ordinance require all Primary Management Officials, Key Employees, and other applicable employees to be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Board before employment in Tribal gaming operations; and

WHEREAS: Section 312 of the Tribal Gaming Ordinance provides that each application for an initial or renewal gaming license shall be accompanied by payment of the license fee; and

WHEREAS: the Legislature finds it is in the best interest of the Tribes to promote employment opportunities for enrolled Tribal members by reducing the out-of-pocket costs associated with required gaming licenses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Legislature hereby authorizes the Tribes to pay the required gaming license fees for enrolled Tribal members employed in Tribal gaming operations, either:

1. Directly to the Tribal Gaming Board on behalf of the employee at the time of application or renewal; **or**
2. By reimbursement to the enrolled Tribal member employee upon submission of proof of payment of the license fee;

said payments or reimbursement of gaming license fees is subject to funding availability and future appropriation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Legislature hereby appropriates from Tax Commission funds the sum of \$_____ for the remainder of the year 2025 and \$_____ for fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of paying or reimbursing gaming license fees for enrolled Tribal members employed in Tribal gaming operations;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that the Governor, or their designee, is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this Resolution, including establishing any procedures necessary to verify Tribal membership, confirm employment in a Tribal gaming operation, and process payments;

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-2025-09-003 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 13th day of September 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					
Passes () 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 _____ day of _____, 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-RS-2025-09-003.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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

