

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

RESOLUTION: A Bill to Amend the 2025 Annual Budget with Midyear Modifications.

RESOLUTION NO: 10L-RS-2025-09-004

DATE INTRODUCED: August 12, 2025

SPONSOR: Bruce Whiteman, Jr., C1 District

CO-SPONSOR:

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

[NOTE: Except as otherwise noted, the provisions of this Resolution, were enacted into Law by the Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, in a Special Session, by a roll call vote on November 1, 2024 by Resolution No. 10L-SS-2024-1101-001] and subsequently adopted by Tribal Council.

SECTION 1. SUBJECT

(A) This Resolution calls to amend the Resolution 10L-SS-2024-1101-001 that adopted the 2025 Annual Budget; hereby now with Modifications.

Section 1.1. Short Title.

(A) The short title of this enactment shall be the “Amendments to the 2025 Annual Budget.”

Section 1.2. Purpose.

(A) The purpose of this Resolution is to formally conduct the Legislature’s required semi-annual assessment of the 2025 Annual Budget and to adopt and appropriate budget modifications as necessary.

Section 1.3. Authority.

(A) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes ("Tribes") are a sovereign federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges, and powers attendant thereto; and

(B) The Tribes are organized pursuant to a duly approved Constitution approved by the adult members of the Tribes on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior ("Constitution"); and

(C) This Resolution is enacted pursuant to:

1. Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution, which provides that Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature and grants the Legislature the power to make all laws and resolutions that are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes; and
2. Article VII, Section 4(b) of the Constitution, which require that the Governor shall make projections of annual revenues and shall propose an annual budget to the Legislature; and

3. Article VI, Section 5(d) of the Constitution, which require that the Legislature shall enact an annual budget; and
4. Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution, which requires that the Tribal Council shall approve or disapprove the annual budget; and
5. Article VI, Section 7(a)(i) of the Constitution, which requires that all Bills shall include a statement identifying the specific law, if any, to be superseded, repealed, or amended; and
6. Article VI, Section 5(d) of the Constitution, which requires that the Legislature shall conduct one semi-annual budget assessment and shall have the authority to make appropriate modifications by law.

Section 1.4. Findings of Necessity and Approval of Modification.

(A) The Legislature hereby declares that it has conducted its semi-annual assessment of the 2025 Annual Budget as required by the Constitution.

(B) The Legislature finds that the modifications outlined in the attached Modification Table are necessary and proper for the continued and efficient operation of the Tribal Government.

(C) Accordingly, the Legislature hereby approves and appropriates the budget modifications set forth in the attached Modification Table, which shall be incorporated into the 2025 Annual Budget by reference.

SECTION 2. CONSTRUCTION

(A) This Resolution shall be liberally construed to carry out its purpose. The effectiveness and enforceability of this Resolution shall not be dependent upon the adoption of any regulations unless otherwise required by law. Nothing contained in this Resolution or regulations promulgated hereunder shall be construed to diminish, limit or otherwise adversely affect any right, remedy held or available to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

(A) If any section of this Resolution, or any part thereof, or any application thereof to any party, person or entity or in any circumstance shall be held invalid for any reason whatsoever by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the section or part of the Resolution shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect as though no section or part has been declared to be invalid.

SECTION 4. STATEMENT OF SUPERSEDURE

(A) This Resolution shall hereby amend Resolution 10L-SS-2024-1101-001 that adopted the 2025 Annual Budget, specifically as modified by the attached Modification Table.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ENACTMENT

(A) This Resolution shall be effective as provided by the Constitution.

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-2025-09-004 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-2025-09-004.

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

