

TENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 9, 2025
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Bill to Enact the 2026 Annual Budget.

RESOLUTION NO: 10L-RS-2025-08-002

DATE INTRODUCED: July 8, 2025

SPONSOR: Kendricks Sleeper, District A2

SUBJECT: A Bill to Enact the 2026 Annual Budget.

Section 1.0. Short Title.

The short title of this enactment shall be the "2026 Annual Budget Act."

Section 1.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this Act is to enact the 2026 Annual Budget.

Section 1.2. Authority.

- (a) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes ("Tribes") are a sovereign federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges, and powers attendant thereto;
- (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");
- (c) This Act 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;
 - 2. Article VI, Section 5(d) and Article VII, Section 4 (b) of the Constitution, which require that the Legislature and Governor enact an annual budget by law to include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes;
 - 3. Article V, Section 2. (c) of the Constitution, which provides for Tribal Council approval of the Annual Budget.

Section 1.3. 2026 Annual Budget.


The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby enacts the attached 2026 Annual Budget because it is the best available estimate of all income and expenses for the Tribes and is necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes to appropriate funds to be expended in Fiscal Year 2026. This Resolution shall take effect January 1, 2026.

Section 2. Construction.

This Act shall be liberally construed to carry out its purpose. The effectiveness and enforceability of this Act shall not be dependent upon the adoption of any regulations unless otherwise required by law. Nothing contained in this Act 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.

If any section of this Act, 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 Act shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect as though no section or part has been declared to be invalid.


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-2025-08-002 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 9th day of August 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		7	1		
Passes (X) Fails () Tabled () Allowed to Die () No Action ()					


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



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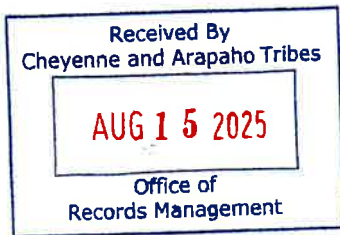
Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(iv) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: "All Bills passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for signature or veto. All laws shall take effect thirty days after signature by the Governor or veto override by the Legislature unless 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 13th day of August, 2025.




Reggie Wassana, Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:

From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management

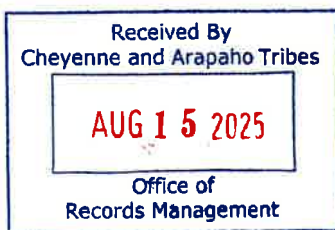
ATTEST:

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-2025-08-002.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind

Print Name: Cheryl Blind

Title: Director

Date: August 15, 2025

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

