

**TENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL SESSION
AUGUST 22, 2025
CONCHO, OK**

RESOLUTION:	A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Tribal Member Interests
RESOLUTION NO:	10L-SS-2025-0822-005
DATE INTRODUCED:	August 15, 2025
SPONSOR:	Kendricks Sleeper, District A2
CO-SPONSOR:	Rector Candy, District A4

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Tribal Member Interests

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

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature 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) of the Constitution requires that the Legislature or Tribal Council give prior authorization for the signing of contracts by the Governor; 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: Tribal members who own interests in trust land regularly desire to sell parts or all of their properties; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes have a First Right of Refusal to purchase the trust interests from individuals before they can negotiate with others; and

WHEREAS: The Governor currently receives offers and authorization through the Bureau of Indian Affairs from Individuals who are wanting to sell their interests; and

WHEREAS: Property Owners with surface and mineral interests in Custer and Washita counties would like to sell the interests in their properties to the Tribes for the total amount of \$195,971.87 and are described below:

1. Mineral/Surface Interests in 801-690 B John Washa or Kusseo and 801 236 Big Knee Woman for \$17,971.87.

and

2. Surface Interest only in 801 S 1403 C Mary L Stevens for \$178,000.00

WHEREAS: The Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes deems it necessary and beneficial to authorize the Governor the power to purchase trust interests from these individuals who want to sell trust interests; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Governor Reggie Wassana shall have full authority to purchase all trust interests that the landowners are selling through the Bureau of Indian Affairs to help build the Tribes' land base and that the Legislature approves and appropriates funding from tax commission in the total amount of \$195,971.87 to complete the purchase.



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-2025-0822-005 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 22nd 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		8			
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 22nd 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-SS-2025-0822-005.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind
Print Name: Cheryl Blind
Title: Director
Date: August 22, 2025

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