

TENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 11, 2025
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to the Food Pantry to Provide Services to Tribal Members that Reside Outside the state of Oklahoma.

RESOLUTION NO: 10L-RS-2025-10-009

DATE INTRODUCED: September 8, 2025

SPONSOR: George Woods, District C2

CO-SPONSOR: Bruce Whiteman, District C1

S SUBJECT: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to the Food Pantry to Provide Services to Tribal Members that Reside Outside the state of Oklahoma.

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: The Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes is aware of the importance of ensuring that all Tribal Members are provided equal opportunity to services offered by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; and

WHEREAS: The Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes recognizes that Tribal Members that reside outside of the state of Oklahoma may miss out on local holiday events (e.g. food drives for holidays) offered to Tribal Members that reside within Legislative Districts; and

WHEREAS: The Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes determines it is in the best interest of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to appropriate funds to the Food Pantry to make a one-time distribution of gift cards in the amount of \$50 to Tribal Members within the ages of 18 to 54 that reside outside the state of Oklahoma for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday; and

WHEREAS: The Food Pantry for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes shall administer the one-time purchase and distribution of \$50 gift cards to Eligible Tribal Members for the purpose of providing out of state Tribal Members with funds to purchase Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. To be eligible for receipt, the Tribal Member at the time of applying for the gift card, must be fully enrolled, reside outside of the state of Oklahoma, and be 18 to 54 years of age. Eligible Tribal Members shall receive no more than one gift card; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, determines that it is in the best interest of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to appropriate \$100,000 and any additional administrative costs (i.e. temporary/seasonal workers, gift card fees, mailing fees) to carry out this resolution, from tax commission funds to the Food Pantry to make a one-time distribution of \$50 Gift Cards to Tribal Members 18 to 54 years old that reside outside the state of Oklahoma; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Food Pantry shall develop an application form that complies with the requirements above, enabling Tribal Members to submit their applications for a gift card. The gift cards shall be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis until all available gift cards have been allotted to applicants who meet the above-specified requirements, any funds not expended for this purpose shall be returned to the General Fund for subsequent appropriation.

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-2025-10-009 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 11th day of October 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-2025-10-009.

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

