

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

RESOLUTION:	A Resolution to Approve the Submission of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Grant Application to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, for FY 2026.
RESOLUTION NO:	10L-RS-2025-10-004
DATE INTRODUCED:	September 8, 2025
SPONSOR:	George Woods, District C2
CO-SPONSOR:	Bruce Whiteman, Jr., District C1

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Approve the Submission of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Grant Application to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, for FY 2026.

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: The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, will allocate funding for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start program for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$1,595,217. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will be responsible for the non-federal share, which is 20 percent of the total, amounting to \$319,043.40. These funds will be sourced from tribal gaming revenues. Additionally, the Tribes anticipate contributing approximately \$443,170 for FY 2026 from tribal gaming revenues and motor fuels, pending approval by the Tribal Council in fall 2025. Please note that these projected contributions are subject to change based on the Tribes' financial circumstances each year; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes declares that in applying for such a grant to provide Head Start services to the children and families who reside in the Cheyenne and Arapaho service area is necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS: If the grant is awarded, the duration of the term would be for 5 years with 20 percent matching funds required each year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby supports the submission of a grant for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, authorizes the submission of an application for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start program and authorizes Governor Reggie Wassana to sign any and all related documents needed to further the intent of this resolution.



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-2025-10-004 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 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		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 11th day of October, 2025.



Reggie Wassana, Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:

From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management

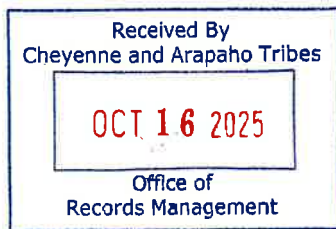
ATTEST:

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-2025-10-004.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind
Print Name: Cheryl Blind
Title: Director
Date: 10/16/25

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

