

**TENTH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES  
SPECIAL SESSION  
OCTOBER 30, 2025  
CONCHO, OK**

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**RESOLUTION:** A Resolution to Amend 10L-RS-2025-10-009.

**RESOLUTION NO:** 10L-SS-2025-1030-001

**DATE INTRODUCED:** October 23, 2025

**SPONSOR:** Kendricks Sleeper, District A2

**CO-SPONSOR:** Rector Candy, District A4

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

*[NOTE: The provisions of this Resolution will amend and replace 10L-RS-2025-10-009 enacted on October 11, 2025, to include all Tribal Members 18-54; provide money to Food Pantry for food boxes; and appropriate additional funds for both purposes].*

**SUBJECT:** A Resolution to Amend 10L-RS-2025-10-009.

**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 current events that are happening in the country and that tribal members are facing difficulties with the rising food prices; and

**WHEREAS:** The Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes determine it is in the best interest of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to appropriate funds to the Food

Pantry for the purpose of purchasing food boxes and gift cards to assist in the purchase of Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals for Tribal Members within the ages of 18 to 54; and

**WHEREAS:** The Food Pantry for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes shall administer the one-time purchase and distribution of \$75 gift cards to Eligible Tribal Members for the purpose of providing 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 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 Tribes, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, determines that it is in the best interest of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to appropriate \$75,000 from Tax Commission funds to the Food Pantry program for the purpose of purchasing food boxes to provide to Tribal Members

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, determines that it is in the best interest of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to appropriate \$500,000 from tax commission funds to the Food Pantry to make a one-time distribution of \$75 Gift Cards to Tribal Members 18 to 54 years old and any additional administrative costs (i.e. temporary/seasonal workers, gift card fees, mailing fees) to carry out this resolution; and

**BE IT FINALLY 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 and/or food box. Gift cards and food boxes are subject to availability. Any funds not expended for this purpose shall be returned to the General Fund for subsequent appropriation. The foregoing resolution hereby amends and replaces 10L-RS-2025-10-009.



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-2025-1030-001 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 30th 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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>		7			
<b>Passes (X) Fails ( ) Tabled ( ) Allowed to Die ( ) No Action ( )</b>					



Jodi White Buffalo  
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 30<sup>th</sup> 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-SS-2025-1030-001.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind  
Print Name: Cheryl Blind  
Title: Director  
Date: 10/30/25

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