

**ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES  
SPECIAL SESSION  
JANUARY 12, 2026  
CONCHO, OK**

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**RESOLUTION:** A Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 10L-SS-2024-0208-005- A Resolution to Authorize Governor Wassana to Execute Certain Contracts.

**RESOLUTION NO:** 11L-SS-2026-0112-003  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 6, 2026  
**SPONSOR:** Kendricks Sleeper, District A2  
**CO-SPONSOR:** Rector Candy, District A4

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**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized tribe with their own form of self-government organized under a constitution approved by Tribal membership on April 4, 2006, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and,

**WHEREAS:** Article VI Sec. 7 (a) (i) of the Constitution states that all Bills shall include a statement identifying the specific law to be amended; and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI Sec. 5 (a) of the Constitution, vests legislative power in the Tribes' Legislature to make laws and resolutions that are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribe's; and,

**WHEREAS:** Article VII Sec. 4(d) of the Constitution authorizes the Governor to negotiate contracts and sign contracts that have been approved by either the Legislature or the Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS:** Article X Sec. 1 of the Constitution empowers the Legislature to authorize a waiver of the Tribes' sovereign immunity provided the waiver is specific, for a limited scope and duration, and limited to a maximum of \$100,000.00 per party; and

**WHEREAS:** The Tribes operate numerous enterprises in addition to carrying out their governmental functions; and

**WHEREAS:** In the day-to-day business of the Tribes, the Governor is required to negotiate contracts for routine goods and services and litigation settlements that are beneficial to the Tribes and their enterprises; and

**WHEREAS:** The Governor currently presents contracts to the Legislature for approval once negotiations are complete; and

**WHEREAS:** Facilitating timely execution of negotiated contracts has necessitated numerous executive sessions, which sessions are costly, disruptive and inefficient; and

**WHEREAS:** The Legislature deems it necessary and beneficial to authorize the Governor to execute certain classes of contracts without further intervention of the Legislature.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT AMENDED,** that, notwithstanding any other provisions of tribal law, without first obtaining the approval by written resolution of the Legislature, Resolution No. 10L-SS-2024-0208-005, and shall hereafter be amended to authorize the Governor (or any designee thereof) to have full authority to execute any contract or agreement that complies with the following restrictions:

- 1) the agreement encompasses products or services incorporated within the approved annual budget, provided the agreement does not exceed the budgeted amount or Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), whichever is greater;
- 2) other agreements that neither exceed an initial term of 36 months nor exceed a face value of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) and that encompass one or more of the following:
  - a) ~~the construction or purchase of buildings or any other improvements to real property or buildings thereon;~~
  - b) agreements with any other Indian tribe or its agency, or any unit of federal, state, tribal or local government for the routine provision of utilities, including but not limited to water, sewer, electrical and other goods;
  - c) agreements related to the gaming operations including but not limited to service contracts, marketing (including concerts and similar public performances), transportation, lodging, and distribution;
  - d) agreements relating to ordinary operational needs for tribal departments, agencies, boards and commissions including, but not limited to, office supplies;
  - e) litigation settlements payable from insurance policies or gaming funds not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).
- 3) Any other document requiring Governor signature where the transaction amount does not exceed \$250,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the contracts otherwise permitted by this Resolution shall not include a waiver of the Tribes' sovereign immunity **UNLESS THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY**:

- 1) there are no other acceptable vendors for the given product or service, and the vendor requires a waiver;
- 2) the waiver does not permit the vendor to recover damages in excess of the amount of the contract, and in no event more than \$100,000;
- 3) the waiver is limited to claims arising only from acts or omissions of the Tribes or their enterprises which breach the contract;
- 4) enforcement under such contract is limited to the contracting party and does not extend to third parties;
- 5) any consent to suit requires the application of tribal law and is limited first to courts of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes or, second, the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; and
- 6) the contract is expressly approved by the Tribes' legal counsel as to its form and contains such other conditions or limitations not inconsistent with this Section.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the amendment to 9L-SS-2022-0113-003 shall be adopted to restrict the governor from entering into any contracts for the construction of or purchase of buildings or any other improvement to real property or building thereon, without first being authorized through the Legislative Process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the amendment to 9L-RS-2023-05-013 shall be adopted to allow for the Governor to enter into any transaction which does not exceed \$250,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for purposes of this Resolution, the dollar amount limitations herein shall be interpreted to be on a per contract, service order, service agreement, transaction, etc. basis. This limitation does not include contracts that, by their nature, are for ongoing services that will be billed to the Tribes monthly and may, over the lifetime of the contract, ultimately exceed \$250,000 in value.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any contract or action of the Governor which by its terms violates any provision of this Resolution shall be null, void, and unenforceable in its entirety including any provision for arbitration therein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governor shall provide all vendors a copy of this authorization at the outset of negotiations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this authorization contained herein shall expire December 31, 2029 unless earlier withdrawn by the Legislature in a separate resolution.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Legislature authorizes Governor Wassana to process and execute any and all contracts, documents, transactions, etc. consistent with the intent of this resolution.



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Kendricks Sleeper  
Speaker of the Eleventh 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. 11L-SS-2026-0112-003 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Eleventh Legislature Special Session, by a roll call vote on the 12th day of January 2026.

**VOTE RECORD:**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
A1	Pamela Sutton	✓			
A2	Kendricks Sleeper	✓			
A3	Travis Ruiz				✓
A4	Rector Candy	✓			
C1	Bruce Whiteman, Jr.	✓			
C2	Milan Roman Nose, Jr.	✓			
C3	Thomas Trout	✓			
C4	Mariah Youngbull	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7</b>			<b>1</b>
<b>Passes (X) Fails ( ) Tabled ( ) Allowed to Die ( ) No Action ( )</b>					

  
Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk  
Eleventh 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 12 day of Jan, 2026.

  
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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. 11L-SS-2026-0112-003.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind

Print Name: Cheryl Blind

Title: Director

Date: 1/13/2026

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

TENTH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES  
SPECIAL SESSION  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024  
LCR, CONCHO, OK

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**RESOLUTION:** An Amendment to Resolution No. 7L-SS-2018-0227-005, 9L-SS-2022-0113-003, and 9L-RS-2023-05-013 to Authorize Governor Wassana to Execute Certain Contracts.

**RESOLUTION NO:** 10L-SS-2024-0208-005  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** February 1, 2024  
**SPONSOR:** Kendricks Sleeper, A2 District  
**CO-SPONSOR:** Rector Candy, A4 District

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**SUBJECT:** An Amendment to Resolution No. 7L-SS-2018-0227-005, 9L-SS-2022-0113-003, and 9L-RS-2023-05-013 to Authorize Governor Wassana to Execute Certain Contracts.

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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-2024-0208-005 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 8th day of February 2024, 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>		<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Passes (X) Fails ( ) Tabled ( ) Allowed to Die ( ) No Action ( )</b>					

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5, subsection (a) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: "Tie votes in the Legislature shall be decided by the Governor."

		YES	NO	ABSENT
Governor	Reggie Wassana			

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



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{  } VETOED: Attachment \_\_\_\_; Governor’s written explanation of any objections.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

  
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Reggie Wassana, Governor  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:  
From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management**

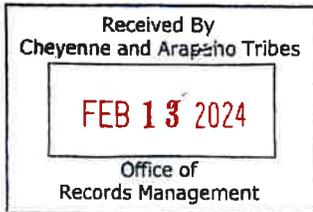
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Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheng Blind  
Print Name: Cheng Blind  
Title: Director  
Date: 2/13/2024

Office of Records Management  
Department of Administration, Executive Branch  
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