

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES  
REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 14, 2026  
LCR, CONCHO, OK

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**RESOLUTION:** A Resolution to Approve of the Election Commission's Legal Consultation Service Agreement.

**RESOLUTION NO:** 11L-RS-2026-02-001  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 13, 2026  
**SPONSOR:** Pamela Sutton, District A1  
**CO-SPONSOR:** Bruce Whiteman, Jr., District C1

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**SUBJECT:** A Resolution to Approve of the Election Commission's Legal Consultation Service Agreement.

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized in accordance with Article XVII of the Tribes' 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 April, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of Interior on May 17, 2006; 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:** Article VI, Section 5, subsection (d) grant the Legislature the Constitutional power to raise revenue and appropriate funds for expenditure; and

**WHEREAS:** The Election Commission is requesting approval of the Legal Consultation Service Agreement for legal representation by Lippes Mathias, LLP in order to retain a competent independent attorney to effectively operate; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes approves of the Election Commission's Legal Consultation Service Agreement with Lippes Mathias, LLP and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes authorizes Governor Wassana to process and execute any and all contracts consistent with the intent of this resolution.



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Kendricks Sleeper  
Speaker of the Eleventh Legislature  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**ATTEST:**

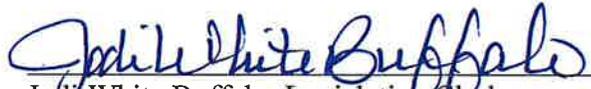
I, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Bill No. 11L-RS-2026-02-001 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Second Regular Session of the Eleventh Legislature, by a roll call vote on the 14th day of February 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>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  
 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
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Reggie Wassana, Governor  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



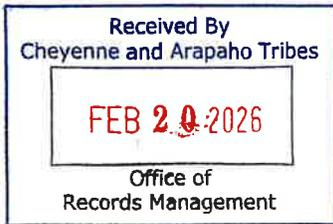
**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:  
From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management**

**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-RS-2026-02-001.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:  
Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind  
Print Name: Cheryl Blind  
Title: Director  
Date: 2/20/2026

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



## LEGAL AND CONSULTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT

The following represents an agreement, by and between Lippes Mathias Attorney Klint Cowan whose business address is 1900 K Street, NW Suite 730 Washington, DC 20006, (hereafter, "Attorney"), and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Election Commission) (hereinafter, "Election Commission"), whose business address is located at 200 Wolf Robe Circle Concho, OK. 73022. Hereafter, the Attorney and the Election Commission shall be referred to collectively as "the Parties".

WHEREAS, The Election Commission desires to retain the services of the Attorney for the purpose of providing legal assistance in furtherance of the election commission's duties and responsibilities; and;

WHEREAS, The Attorney, has the necessary experience and legal background to assist the election commission by providing competent assistance and consultation on matters that election commission deems proper; and,

WHEREAS, the election commission may desire to retain legal service of and or representation by the attorney as the election commission deems necessary at any time during the term of this agreement.

### IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. TERM. This agreement shall cover all of the work that is requested of the attorney by the election commission and the expenses incurred in the performance of such work. This contract begins on January 1, 2026 and ends on December 31, 2026. This contract may be terminated by either party with a 30-day written notice.
2. COMPENSATION. The attorney shall receive compensation for services rendered under the terms of the agreement, as follows:
  - a. The attorney's services shall be rendered and billed to the commission at the rate of \$125.00 per hour for non-litigation legal consultation services plus expenses. Travel time will be treated as billable activity.
  - b. The attorney shall be compensated at the rate of \$175.00 per hour for court-related representation and litigation-related services that are rendered.
  - c. The attorney shall be reimbursed for 100% of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the performance of duties arising under this agreement. When traveling by automobile, the attorney shall be allowed the current government authorized rate for mileage reimbursement.

3. SUBSTANTIATING PAYMENT of FEE and EXPENSES. All fees and expenses governed by this agreement shall be paid on the basis of statements prepared and submitted to the election commission by the attorney on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. Said statements will document the services performed and the expenses incurred by the attorney during each bi-weekly billing period.

4. SCOPE of WORK. The attorney's scope of work, performed on behalf of the commission and for the benefit of the Tribes, shall be determined by the election commission and/or its members' election commissioners.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.



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Governor Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes

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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.



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Reggie Wassana *and*  
Governor Cheyenne *&* Arapaho Tribes