

**ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL SESSION
FEBRUARY 26, 2026
CONCHO, OK**

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to submit an application to apply to become an affiliate with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-SS-2026-0226-003
DATE INTRODUCED: February 23, 2026
SPONSOR: Kendricks Sleeper, District A2
CO-SPONSOR: Rector Candy, District A4

SUBJECT: A Resolution to submit an application to apply to become an affiliate with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to a Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution provides that Legislative power shall reside with the Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the “power to make all laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes;” and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution requires “Laws and resolutions which have been enacted shall remain valid until amended or repealed;” and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 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eleventh Legislature finds a need for the betterment of the Tribes to apply for; and

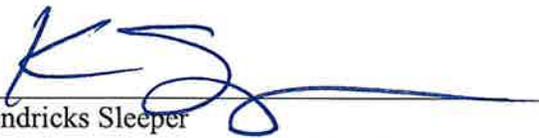
WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Environmental Protection Agency Program will submit an application to Keep Oklahoma Beautiful; to become an affiliate; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes will commit to share environmental stewardship and community education; and EPA program will continue to attend free workshops that help

promote sustainable practices, file an annual report, and participate in Environmental Excellence Celebration;

WHEREAS: To empower tribal communities to come together, identify needs, and take action to create cleaner places to live, work, and play, host public outreach meetings within the service area, surveys, and create partnerships with local agencies' in the objectives of environmental stewardship; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby supports the EPA Program to submit an application for Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Affiliate Application of \$200.00 to be paid from U.S. EPA General Assistance Program (GAP).



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-2026-0226-003 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in a Special Session of the Eleventh Legislature, by a roll call vote on the 26th 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	✓			
TOTAL		8			
Passes (X) Fails () Tabled () Allowed to Die () No Action ()					

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 26 day of February, 2026.



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-2026-0226-003.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind

Print Name: Cheryl Blind

Title: Director

Date: 2/26/26

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



**Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Legislative Action Request**



This Form will be used by the Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on behalf of all Departments and programs when submitting all Bills and Resolutions to the Legislative Branch for Public Hearings and Regular/Special Sessions.

Name: Chieko Buffalo _____ Title: EPA Director _____
Contact Number: 405.422.7469 _____ Work E-mail: cbuffalo@c-a-tribes.org _____
Department: Administration _____ Program: EPA _____
Date of Submission: _____ Date Document is Needed _____
Regular/Special Session: Special _____

What Type of Request: Bill, Resolution, Contract, and Supporting Documents are you submitting:
New Bill to be adopted: _____; Revised Act to be adopted: _____
New Resolution to be adopted: _____; Revised Resolution to be adopted: _____
New Contract to be adopted: _____; Revised Contract to be adopted: _____
Supporting Document: _____; Supporting Document: _____

Please provide a detailed description of your request to include what type of action is required by the Legislature. Attach all supporting documentation to this form.

To become a Keep Oklahoma Beautiful
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Program Director Approval: [Signature] Date: 2/20/26
Department Executive Director Approval: [Signature] Date: 2/20/26
Received and Reviewed by Legal Department, Executive Branch:
Tribal Attorney: [Signature] Date: _____
Received by Executive Office: _____ Date: _____
Governor Approval: [Signature] Date: _____

ACTION TAKEN BY LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:

Resolution /Bill # _____

ATTEST:

The Legislative Staff hereby certify that the foregoing (Bills, Resolutions, Contracts, and/or supporting documents) that were submitted by the Submitting Party are complete.

Legislative Staff: _____ Title: _____

Date of action: _____



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Another requirement of Affiliation is that Keep Oklahoma Beautiful must have a spokesperson for your city or organization to receive communications in the form of a primary contact. It is okay if this contact changes over time, but there must always be someone nominated in order to remain in good standing.

If you have questions regarding your Affiliation status or would like more information on becoming an Affiliate before filling out an application below, email Taylor, our Affiliate Coordinator! affiliates@keepok.org



KOB Affiliate Application

Name of Organization (Required)

County (Required)

Organization Primary Contact * REQUIRED

First Name *

Last Name *

Primary Contact Title/Position (Required)

Primary Contact Email Address (Required)

Primary Contact Phone (l ext Extension)

Organization's Mailing Address * REQUIRED

Address Line 1 *

Address Line 2

City *

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Postal Code *

Alternate Contact * REQUIRED

First Name *

Last Name *

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By signing your name below, you acknowledge that your organization will receive an invoice for annual affiliate dues and agree to remit payment upon receipt.



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CONTACT



Become a part of Keep Oklahoma Beautiful's Affiliate Network!

From Taylor Atkins <Affiliates@keepok.org>
Date Mon 2/9/2026 3:44 PM
To Chieko Buffalo <cbuffalo@cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov>
Cc Evelyn Schaefer <Evelyn@keepok.org>

Hello Chieko,

Thank you so much for your interest in joining Keep Oklahoma Beautiful's Affiliate Network! We're excited that you have been approved for the funds to join our network and can't wait to connect with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and support your community's environmental and beautification efforts.

What is the Affiliate Network?

Our Affiliate Network is a statewide community of more than 70 organizations—including tribes, municipalities, nonprofits, and community groups—working together to help Oklahoma become a cleaner and greener state. As an Affiliate, you'll be part of a collaborative network where we support each other's environmental initiatives and share resources across all 77 counties.

What to expect as an Affiliate:

- Free educational workshops with invitations to host or present
- Free cleanup supplies
- Access to grants and awards specifically for Affiliates
- Networking with a statewide community doing similar work
- Support from KOB staff (that's me!) to help you succeed

Getting Started:

To join the network, please complete our registration form here:

<https://www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com/what-we-do/partner/become-a-kob-affiliate.html>

Once you've registered, I'll send over an official welcome letter, draft an invoice for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, add you to our Affiliate email list, and add your organization's logo to our website. (Annual dues are \$200 and you will commit to being billed July 1, 2026.)

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions – I'm here to help make this process as smooth as possible.

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Taylor Atkins, Affiliate Coordinator
(she/her)
Keep Oklahoma Beautiful
www.keepok.org

RE: Subscription for KOB Affiliate

From Christian, Mark <christian.mark@epa.gov>
Date Wed 1/21/2026 5:46 AM
To Chieko Buffalo <cbuffalo@cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov>
Cc Nathaniel Charley <ncharley@cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov>; Rebecca Sweezy <rsweezy@cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov>

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Good Morning Chieko,

I find that amount reasonable for KOB. Thanks in advance and have a great day!

From: Chieko Buffalo <cbuffalo@cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 3:02 PM
To: Christian, Mark <christian.mark@epa.gov>
Cc: Nathaniel Charley <ncharley@cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov>; Rebecca Sweezy <rsweezy@cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov>
Subject: Subscription for KOB Affiliate

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Hello!

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to ask if a subscription (\$200) is an allowable cost to become a Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Affiliate. Please advise.

I have provided the link to Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. Thank you.

<https://www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com/>

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