

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 11, 2026
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to the CAHIE Scholarship Program to provide assistance for the 2026 Graduation Banquet.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-RS-2026-04-002

DATE INTRODUCED: March 4, 2026

SPONSOR: Kendricks Sleeper, District A2

CO-SPONSOR:

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to the CAHIE Scholarship Program to provide assistance for the 2026 Graduation Banquet.

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(d) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature shall have the power to raise revenue and appropriate funds for expenditure; and

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes (“Tribes”) support and promote education and the academic success of Cheyenne and Arapaho students; and

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Higher Education Scholarship Program (“CAHIE Scholarship Program”) provides financial assistance to tribal citizens pursuing accredited college degrees and works to encourage academic success and degree completion; and

WHEREAS: The CAHIE Scholarship Program will host a 2026 Graduation Banquet to recognize and celebrate Cheyenne and Arapaho students graduating from high school and earning college degrees; and

WHEREAS: The CAHIE Scholarship Program has already purchased graduation t-shirts and tribal graduation stoles, but additional funds are needed to assist with the Graduation Banquet, including graduate gifts and banquet meals for students and their families; and

WHEREAS: The CAHIE Scholarship Program continues to grow each semester as more Cheyenne and Arapaho students pursue higher education, which causes Scholarship and Student Services funds to be exhausted earlier each semester; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature finds that providing assistance for the 2026 Graduation Banquet is in the best interest of the Tribes and furthers the Tribes' educational objectives and the recognition of student achievement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby appropriates \$28,627.83 from Tax Commission funds to the CAHIE Scholarship Program to provide assistance for the 2026 Graduation Banquet, to include graduate gifts and banquet meals for students and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That any funds appropriated herein that are not expended for the purposes authorized by this Resolution by December 31, 2026, shall revert to the Tax Commission, unless otherwise reauthorized by the Legislature.

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-2026-04-002 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Fourth Regular Session of the Eleventh Legislature, by a roll call vote on the 11th day of April 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					
Passes () 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 _____ day of _____, 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-RS-2026-04-002.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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

