

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

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Appropriate Funding for the 150th Little Big Horn Anniversary.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-RS-2026-05-002

DATE INTRODUCED: April 7, 2026

SPONSOR:

CO-SPONSOR:

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Appropriate Funding for the 150th Little Big Horn Anniversary.

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 federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges, and powers attended thereto as a sovereign government under a constitution approved by the Secretary of Interior; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution provides that the Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature, which includes the powers to make 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: This year will be the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Little Big Horn and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will participate in the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn to honor ancestors and strengthen cultural ties; and

WHEREAS: Activities expected at the anniversary celebration will include cultural presentations, ceremonies, camp activities, and coordination with the Northern Cheyenne and Oglala Sioux Tribes; and

WHEREAS: Estimated Costs for the celebration are \$200,000 and will be needed from tax commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, the Eleventh Legislature hereby appropriates \$200,000 of Tax Commission Funds for the 150th Little Big Horn Anniversary celebration and any funds not utilized shall be returned to the Treasury for subsequent Legislative appropriation.

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-2026-05-002 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Fifth 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-2026-05-002.

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



CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIGHORN

TRIP INFORMATION & BUDGET SUMMARY

EVENT OVERVIEW

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes will participate in the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, June 24–28, 2026. Activities include cultural presentations, ceremonies, camp activities, and coordination with the Northern Cheyenne and Oglala Sioux Tribes.

TRIP INFORMATION TABLE

Event	150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn
Dates	June 24–28, 2026
Location	Little Bighorn Battlefield, Montana
Purpose	Cultural presentations, ceremonies, honoring ancestors
Key Activities	Ceremonies, storytelling, language camp, traditional skills demos, wellness activities, evening gatherings

BUDGET SUMMARY TABLE ESTIMATED

Travel & Transportation	\$18,100 – \$36,800
Lodging	\$15,000 – \$30,000
Food Donation, Water & Supplies	TBA
Camp Setup & Equipment	TBA
Program Activities	TBA
EMS & Support Crew	TBA
Media & Documentation	TBA

TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET: \$60,400 – \$107,500

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes will participate in the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn to honor ancestors and strengthen cultural ties. The trip includes ceremonies, cultural activities, and community engagement. The projected total cost is \$60,400 to \$107,500, depending on final logistics and participation levels.



United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
Post Office Box 39
Crow Agency, Montana 59022-0039

March 13, 2026

Governor Reggie Wassana
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma
PO Box 167
Concho, OK 73022

Subject: 150th Anniversary Planning Meeting Invitation and Anniversary RSVP Request

Dear Governor Wassana,

The National Park Service at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument invites your Tribe to participate in planning and coordination for the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, which will take place June 25–27, 2026 at the battlefield.

The next Tribal planning meeting will be held:

April 15, 2026
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. MDT
Little Bighorn Battlefield Conference Room (Hybrid)

A separate email will be sent with the Microsoft Teams meeting link and agenda.

Nation of Flags Ceremony

The anniversary will begin with a Nation of Flags Ceremony, where Tribal representatives will carry their Nation's flag from Last Stand Hill to the main stage area near the Visitor Center.

Please notify the park if your Tribe plans to participate and whether you will be bringing your own flag. Flags should be approximately 3 ft by 4 ft 9 in to fit the display holders used by the park.

Currently, the park does not have a flag for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. If you would like your flag to be included in the celebration, please consider donating one to the park that meets the 3 ft x 4 ft 9 in guidelines prior to the anniversary.

Horse Ride Coordination

Organized horse rides traveling through the park will be limited to groups of 60 riders and must remain on park roadways.

Groups planning horse rides within the park will be required to obtain a Special Use Permit. Please provide contact information for the ride organizer and submit permit requests by **April 30, 2026** so the park can coordinate safety and logistics.

Tipis and Cultural Demonstration Areas

During the 2003 Indian Memorial dedication, Tribal Nations established tipis as part of the commemoration. For the 150th anniversary, the park is considering a designated area where Tribes may establish tipis which would give Tribes interested in participating an opportunity to highlight information related to their cultures, history, or present information for the public through displays or demonstrations.

If your Tribe wishes to set up tipis, please notify the park by **April 30, 2026**. Tipis will need to be raised prior to June 23, 2026.

Examples are shown below.



Special Use Permits

Tribal groups or organizations planning organized activities within the park during the 150th Anniversary—such as horse rides, group gatherings, or other coordinated events—will be required to obtain a Special Use Permit. These permits allow the National Park Service to coordinate activities and ensure protection of park resources and visitor safety. A link to the permit application will be provided in a separate email, and any requests must be submitted by April 30, 2026 to allow time for review and coordination prior to the event.

Information Requested by April 30, 2026

To assist with event planning, please provide:

- Estimated number of Tribal members attending
- Participation in the Nation of Flags Ceremony

- Contact information for any horse ride organizers
- Requests to establish tipis or cultural demonstration areas
- Requests for Cultural Education Booths
- Names of individuals requesting speaking opportunities

We appreciate your continued partnership and collaboration as we prepare for this important commemoration. Please contact me or Joshua Rozina (joshua_rozina@nps.gov) if you have questions or would like to provide updates prior to the planning meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James Novitsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Novitsky" clearly distinguishable.

James Novitsky
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