

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 9, 2026
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to Expand Eligibility to Accept Additional Applicants for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-RS-2026-05-003

DATE INTRODUCED: April 7, 2026

SPONSOR: Bruce Whiteman, Jr., District C1

CO-SPONSOR: Mariah Youngbull, District C4

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to Expand Eligibility to Accept Additional Applicants for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

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: The Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes is aware of the importance of ensuring that Tribal Members are provided an opportunity to receive services offered by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; and

WHEREAS: The current eligibility requirements for D.R.E.A.M.S. Summer Youth Employment Program are as follows:

- **Applicant must reside in the DREAMS Program service area;**
- **Must be between the ages 14-24 before June 8, 2026;**
- **Applicant must be able to participate for the entire program (8 weeks) and attend all work readiness training events;**
- **Family income must not exceed the Federal Poverty Guidelines and/or youth have a barrier to employment and education.**

WHEREAS: The Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes acknowledge the needs of the D.R.E.A.M.S. Program for additional funds to accept Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal member applicants who exceed the income threshold of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, for the Summer Youth Employment Program; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, the Eleventh Legislature hereby appropriates \$200,000 of Tax Commission Funds to the D.R.E.A.M.S. Summer Youth Employment Program for the purpose of accepting Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member applicants who exceed the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Any funds not utilized for this purpose by the end of FY2026 shall be returned to the Treasury for subsequent Legislative appropriation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Department of Labor shall set the eligibility criteria to be consistent with the current eligibility criteria except that the D.R.E.A.M.S. Summer Youth Employment Program shall utilize the money appropriated by this resolution to accept applicants of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, whose family income threshold exceeds the Federal Poverty Guidelines.



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-2026-05-003 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 9th day of May 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		7			1
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
 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 11th day of May, 2026.



Reggie Wassana, Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



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From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management**

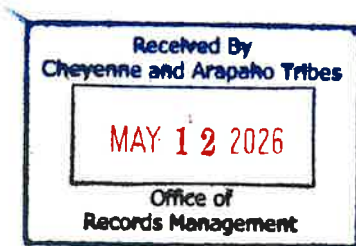
ATTEST:

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-2026-05-003.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind

Print Name: Cheryl Blind

Title: Director

Date: 5/12/2026

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

