

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 13, 2026
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Submit an Application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place Title to Hammon Ranch Tracts 14 (320.6651± acres), 15 (358.1865± acres), 16 (79.9194± acres), 17 (320.3784± acres), and 18 (19.8842± acres) in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma in the Name of the United States in Trust for the Benefit of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and to Repeal, Supersede, and Replace All Prior Resolutions Concerning Trust Applications for Said Tracts.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-RS-2026-06-004

DATE INTRODUCED: May 6, 2026

SPONSOR:

CO-SPONSOR:

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WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes ("Tribes") are federally recognized Indian tribes, organized under 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) and (c) in the Constitution provides that "Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature" and "the Legislature shall have the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes;" and

WHEREAS: Article VII, Section 4(d) provides the Governor with "the power to negotiate and sign a contract, other than a gaming management contract, which has been previously authorized by the Tribal Council or Legislature;" and

WHEREAS: The Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior is authorized to take land into trust for the benefit of Indian tribes in accordance with the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 465 ("IRA"), the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C § 501 ("OIWA"), and implementing federal regulations at 25 C.F.R. Part

151; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes desire to place title to the following described tracts of land near the town of Hammon, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma (“Hammon Ranch Tracts 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18”), in the name of the United States in trust for this benefit of the Tribes;

All interest in surface and surface rights only in and to tracts of land being in the following legal descriptions:

Tract 14: (As –Filed Legal Description) The East Half (E/2) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

(As-Surveyed description) The Northeast Quarter (NE/4), the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Tract 15: (As-filed legal description) The North Half (N/2) and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

(As-Surveyed Description) The Northeast Quarter (NE/4), the Northwest Quarter (NW/4), the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Tract 16: (As-filed Legal Description) The East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

(As-Surveyed Legal Description) The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 SW/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Tract 17: (As-filed Legal description) The South Half (S/2) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

(As-Surveyed Legal Description) The Southwest Quarter (SW/4), the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

Tract 18: (As-Filed Legal Description) The West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W/2 NW/4 NE/4) of Section Fifteen (15), in Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

(As-Surveyed Legal Description) The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest

Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NW/4 NE/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW/4 NW/4 NE/4) of Section Fifteen (15), in Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the Indian Meridian, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma.

WHEREAS: In 2022, LaRue Allee Switzer Stoller, Trustee of the LaRue Allee Switzer Family Trust, deeded fee title to the Hammon Ranch to the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes; and

WHEREAS: The tracts referenced in this resolution for the Hammon Ranch are unimproved lands currently used in livestock and agricultural operations, are located within the Tribes' former reservation boundaries, are owned in fee free and clear by the Tribes, and are not subject to any contractual obligations regarding its use; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes need the trust acquisition to expand the Tribes' trust land base within the Tribes' jurisdiction and to enhance tribal self-determination for future generations of tribal members; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes, which have no immediate specific plans for use of the Hammon Ranch, intend to use it for non-gaming purposes, to expand the Tribes' trust land base within economic advantages viable communities in the Tribes' jurisdiction; to enjoy tribal economic advantages established by Congress, such as the HEARTH Act; to provide services, benefits, and employment to the Tribes' members; and to realize true self-determination for future generations of tribal members; and to one day develop businesses to earn profits, employ tribal members, and realize true self-determination for future generations of tribal members; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes are preparing a trust application so that title to the Hammon Ranch may be taken by the United States in trust for the Tribes, in order to facilitate the Tribes' intended use of the Tract; and

WHEREAS: It is in the interest of the general welfare of the Tribes to obtain approval for placement of the Hammon Ranch into trust for the benefit of the Tribes, and the Tribes' Legislature is authorized to request such approval in accordance with the Tribes' Constitution, the IRA, and implementing federal regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, pursuant to Article VII, Section 4(d) of the Tribal Constitution does hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior, or his or her designee, take the Hammon Ranch in the name of the United States in trust for the benefit of the Tribes pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 465, and implementing federal regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor is authorized to act on behalf of the Tribes to direct and oversee the preparation, submission, and completion of a trust application on behalf of the Tribes and to perform all other executive acts necessary to complete the process for placing the Hammon Ranch into trust in the name of the United States for the benefit of the Tribes, including

without limitation authorizing purchase of any necessary surveys, appraisals, abstracts, title insurance, environmental reviews or other necessary services and reports from tax commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor is further authorized to submit said trust application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on behalf of the Tribes and to act on behalf of the Tribes to execute all documents needed for the submission of said trust application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution hereby repeals, supersedes, and replaces any prior resolutions concerning the placement of said Tracts into trust for the benefit of the Tribes.

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-2026-06-004 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Sixth Regular Session of the Eleventh Legislature, by a roll call vote on the 13th day of June 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-2026-06-004.

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

