

**ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL SESSION
JULY 2, 2026
CONCHO, OK**

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Nominate Susan Hart to the to the Judicial Commission.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-SS-2026-0702-007

DATE INTRODUCED: June 26, 2026

SPONSOR: Kendricks Sleeper, District A2

CO-SPONSOR: Rector Candy, District A4

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Nominate Susan Hart to the to the Judicial Commission.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized tribe with their own form of self-government organized under a constitution approved by Tribal membership on April 4, 2006, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS: Article VI Sec. 5 (a), of the Constitution, vests legislative power in the Tribes' Legislature to make laws and resolutions that are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribe's; and,

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Legislature adopted a Judicial Commission Act of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on June 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS: Section 2(a) of the Judicial Commission Act establishes the purpose of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Judicial Commission is "to establish a process for oversight, and for the development and establishment of guiding policy for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Judiciary, while maintaining the Judiciary's constitutional independence as a distinct branch of tribal government that is separate from the Executive, Legislative, and Tribal Council Branches. It is further the purpose of this Act that to establish a process that ensures that the Judiciary operates in a manner that best meets the needs of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes membership and preserves the integrity of the Judiciary."; and

WHEREAS: Section 3(a) of the Judicial Commission Act establishes the function of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Judicial Commission is "to ensure that complaints concerning the ability and behavior of Justices, Judges, attorneys, advocates, court clerks, and court staff are investigated in a timely and effective manner in order to enhance public confidence in the judiciary and to promote good practices and high standards of judicial performance"; and

WHEREAS: Art. VIII Sec. 9(a) of the Constitution provides that [t]here shall be a Judicial Commission comprised of five Members of the Tribes nominated by Governor subject to confirmation by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Governor Reggie Wassana now nominates Susan Hart to serve in the position of Judicial Commissioner for a four-year term, with said term having started July 3, 2026 and with an expiration date of June 30, 2030;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional power, hereby confirms Susan Hart to the position of Judicial Commissioner, in accordance with Art. VIII Sec. 9(a) of the Constitution.

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Kendricks Sleeper
Speaker of the Eleventh Legislature
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

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ATTEST:

I, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Resolution No. 11L-SS-2026-0702-007 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 2nd day of July 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, 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 2nd day of July, 2026.


Reggie Wassana, Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:

From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management

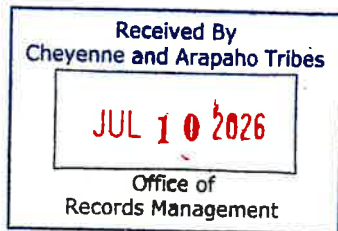
ATTEST:

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-2026-0702-007.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind

Print Name: Cheryl Blind

Title: Director

Date: 7/10/26

Office of Records Management
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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



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Koinonia Mennonite Church, Clinton, Okla.

2016-Present

Pastor since 2016. Ministers to congregation, including officiating baptisms, communion, and other religious ceremonies and occasions. Executive Committee and Board Member of the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, representing Native Mennonite Ministries and nonmember indigenous congregants. Also serving on an international/National Mennonite Central Committee "MCC" as a Board Member, currently Chair of the MCC Central States (16 states region).

Education

Student in Master of Legal Studies, Indigenous Peoples' Law, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Norman, Okla. B.A. Political Science University of Oklahoma.

Experience in Tribal Management

Spirit Rock Consulting, Alexandria, Va.

2015

Conducted varied and complex research, including on the 1996 Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act. Assisted in preparing Tribal leaders' testimony before the Subcommittee on Environment, of United States Department of Interior's Committee on Appropriations. Also, assisted in preparing Tribal leaders' testimony before other Federal agencies in Washington, D.C. Assisted legal counsel with preparing Tribal leaders for multiple meetings with House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Environmental Affairs.

Hopi Tribe (Hopíikwa) Kykotsmovi, Ariz.

2010-2013

Assisted Hopi Tribal Council. Responsibilities included research and assisting Tribal Council with preparation for high-level meetings with United States Secretary of the Interior, Assistant Secretary, and other Federal agencies. Researched and produced confidential briefing materials for the Tribe's governing body. Communicated regularly with Tribal programs, and State and Federal entities, with program review, program policies, and inter-state compacts. Researched and assisted in drafting policies, including Trust Land issues, policy analysis regarding sacred sites, and the international return of sacred objects.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes, Concho, Okla.

2001-2019

Began with position as administrative assistant to a Business Committee member, then part-time

Tribal Enrollment clerk, culminating as Chief Policy Management Analyst to the Executive Branch, Office of the Governor.

Certified Law Enforcement Officer, City & State

1984-2001 (Retired)

Began law enforcement profession as Dispatcher, followed by Patrol Officer, then Detective Sergeant. Joined the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as a Criminalist-Latent. Later, qualified as a Criminalist Supervisor whose duties included supervising several laboratory personnel and their multi-discipline activities in a forensic laboratory region, and providing general direction in technical assistance at crime scene investigations; peer-reviewed the varied laboratory disciplines; assisted with budget preparation, quality audits, and quality assurance. Attended hundreds of hours of forensic education and training, including the FBI Academy for forensics, Quantico, Va.