

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to the Food Pantry to Provide Services to Tribal Members that Reside Outside the state of Oklahoma.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-RS-2026-09-001

DATE INTRODUCED: August 3, 2026

SPONSOR: Bruce Whiteman, Jr., District C1

CO-SPONSOR:

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to the Food Pantry to Provide Services to Tribal Members that Reside Outside the state of Oklahoma.

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 a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges, and powers attended thereto as a sovereign government, and organized in accordance with Title 25 of the United States Code, Section 450, the “Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act,” and Article XVII of the Tribe’s Constitution and By-Laws and Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), under an amended Constitution ratified on August, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of Interior on May 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution provides that the Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature 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: The Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes is aware of the importance of ensuring that all Tribal Members are provided equal opportunity to services offered by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; and

WHEREAS: The Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes recognizes that Tribal Members that reside outside of the state of Oklahoma may miss out on local holiday events (e.g. food drives for holidays) offered to Tribal Members that reside within Legislative Districts; and

WHEREAS: Gift cards purchased pursuant to Resolution No. 10L-RS-2025-10-009, which was subsequently amended by Resolution No. 10L-SS-1030-001, remain undistributed and are available to be distributed for the same purpose authorized by this Resolution; and

WHEREAS: The Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes determines it is in the best interest of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to appropriate funds to the Food Pantry to make a one-time distribution of gift cards in the amount of \$75 to Tribal Members within the ages of 18 to 54 that reside outside the state of Oklahoma for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to be eligible, the Tribal Member at the time of applying for the gift card, must be fully enrolled, reside outside of the state of Oklahoma, and be 18 to 54 years of age. Eligible Tribal Members shall receive no more than one gift card; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, pursuant to its constitutional authority, hereby appropriates one hundred thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from Tax Commission funds to the Food Pantry for the purchase and distribution of seventy-five-dollar (\$75.00) gift cards to eligible Tribal Members, together with the administrative costs necessary to carry out this Resolution, including temporary or seasonal workers, gift card fees, and mailing expenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, beginning on the effective date of this Resolution, all gift cards purchased pursuant to Resolution No. 10L-SS-1030-001 that remain undistributed as of that date shall be distributed in accordance with this Resolution; and, solely to the extent of any conflict concerning the distribution of those remaining gift cards, this Resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 10L-SS-1030-001, with all nonconflicting provisions of Resolution No. 110L-SS-1030-001 remaining in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, before using funds appropriated by this Resolution to purchase additional gift cards, the Food Pantry shall first distribute all valid and usable gift cards remaining from Resolution No. 10L-SS-1030-001 to eligible applicants under this Resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Food Pantry shall develop an application form consistent with the eligibility requirements established by this Resolution. Food Pantry may establish an application end date to stop accepting applications in order to timely process said applications. Gift cards shall be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all available gift cards, including the remaining gift cards purchased pursuant to Resolution No. 10L-SS-1030-001 and any additional gift cards purchased pursuant to this Resolution, have been allotted to eligible applicants. Any funds appropriated by this Resolution that are not expended for the authorized purposes shall be returned to the General Fund for subsequent 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-2026-09-001 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Ninth Regular Session, by a roll call vote on the 12th day of September 2026, by a vote.

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-2026-09-001.

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

