

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2026
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to support and appropriate funds for the Sand Creek Massacre Healing Run.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-RS-2026-11-009

DATE INTRODUCED: October 9, 2026

SPONSOR: Travis Ruiz, District A3

CO-SPONSOR:

SUBJECT: A Resolution to support and appropriate funds for the Sand Creek Massacre Healing Run.

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) of the Constitution provides that 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: Article VI, Section 5(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to raise revenue and appropriate funds for expenditure; and

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are victims of the Sand Creek Massacre, which took place on November 29, 1864; and

WHEREAS: The Language and Culture Department of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes wishes once more to provide a remembrance run for youth, elders, and volunteers that is educational, historically correct, and language-oriented; and

WHEREAS: The Sand Creek Massacre Healing Run will travel the route taken by the Cheyenne Peace Chiefs and the Arapaho Chiefs who were part of the peace delegation. The route will begin on November 27, 2026, at the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site and proceed to Fort Lyon, Boggsville, Bent's Old Fort, Boone, Yoder, Calhan, and Kiowa, Colorado. On November 29, 2026, the run

will begin at the Camp Weld site and proceed to the steps of the State Capitol in Denver, Colorado; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby supports the Language and Culture Department's Sand Creek Massacre Healing Run and appropriates \$65,261.88 from Tax Commission funds to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Language and Culture Department to conduct the educational, historical, and language-oriented event.

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-2026-11-009 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Eleventh Regular Session, by a roll call vote on the 14th day of November 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-2026-11-009.

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



BUDGET FOR SAND CREEK MASSACRE HEALING RUN-2026

November 26-29, 2026

Transportation:

Three (3) 15-seat passenger vans

Capps Van & Truck Rental-\$1,150 plus .35 per mile.

Total Cost: \$4,090.50

Mileage:

610 miles to Denver, Colorado X .76 X 4 Vans

Total Cost: \$1,854.40

Lodging:

November 26th

Holiday In Express Lamar, Co.

1304 North Main Street

Lamar, Co. 81052

719-931-4010

November 27th

Holiday Inn Express La Junta by IHG

27994 US Highway 50

La Junta, Co. 81050

719-384-2900

November 28th

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Denver Downtown

685 Speer Blvd.

Denver, Co, 80204

303-722-2322

Total Cost: \$18,750.00

Food: \$1,000.00 X four (4) days = \$4,000.00

Running Suits: 50 running suits X \$50.00 = \$2,500.00

Drivers and Chaperones Honorarium:

Four drivers and four chaperones: 8 X \$250.00 = \$2,000.00

Singers:

Mileage from Cheyenne, Ok to Denver, Co.: 1,022 miles X .76 X 4 singers =
\$3,106.88

\$250.00 X 4 = \$1,000.00

Lodging with the runners

Total Cost: \$4,106.88

Total Cost: \$65,261.78

Narrative for the Sand Creek Massacre Healing Run

November 26-29, 2026

On June 27, 1864, Territorial Governor of Colorado Territory, John Evans, sent out a directive to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, which directed the “friendly Indians of the plains” to move to Fort Lyons for protection and safety.

In September 1864, the Peace Chiefs of the Cheyenne led by Chief Black Kettle and Arapaho Chief Left Hand enlisted the help of George Bent and three other Cheyenne, including Old One Eye to take a letter to Major Wynkoop at Fort Lyons asking for a peace meeting. Major Wynkoop met with the Chiefs at the Smoky Hills River in what is now Western Kansas. Impressed by the sincerity of the Chiefs and the release of four white captives, Major Wynkoop agreed to take them to Denver to meet with Governor Evans and Colonel Chivington to continue their pleas for peace.

In August 1864, Major Wynkoop and a small detachment of soldiers escorted the Peace Delegation of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to Camp Weld from Fort Lyons. Included were Neva, Bull Bear, Black Kettle, White Antelope, No-ta-nee, Heap of Buffalo and Bosse. They met with Governor Evans and Colonel Chivington at Camp Weld, Denver. This trail they followed was from Fort Lyons west along the Arkansas River to near Boone, Colorado. They would have turned north following the creeks, the Black Squirrel Creek, the Horse Creek up toward Cherry Creek which led them into the Denver area. Here they came to Camp Weld in the back of buckboard wagons. The people of Denver were very unhappy with the arrival of the Chiefs, the soldiers almost rioted and if not for the detachment of soldiers the Chiefs would have perished at the hands of the citizens of Denver.

The Camp Weld meeting did not bring peace for the Cheyenne and Arapaho People but was the beginning of the most horrific act in the history of Colorado Territory. The meeting at Camp Weld showed Governor Evans and Colonel Chivington who they were going to fight, old chiefs, women and children. They told the old Chiefs where to camp, now they knew where to go to find their quarry. This was the planning of the Sand Creek Massacre.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes would like to re-trace the path of the peace delegation of 1864, to experience the land, not as it was then but to see what it has become and to feel that the land has not forgotten us. Also, by following this trail, our youth will visit historic sites where our forefathers walked.

Route and Miles for the Sand Creek Massacre Healing Run

November 27:

Sand Creek Massacre Site to Fort Lyons-89.2 miles

Fort Lyons to Boggsville-9.1 miles

Boggsville to Bents Old Fort-17.1 miles (stay in La Junta, Co)

Total miles: 115.4

November 28:

La Junta to Boone, Co-45.7 miles

Boone to Yoder-46.2 miles

Yoder to Calhan-17.8 miles

Calhan to Kiowa-25.1 miles

Total miles: 134.8 miles (stay in Denver)

November 29:

Camp Weld Site to Capital Building-2.2 miles

Route 2 (if they feed us Thanksgiving Dinner in Eads, Co.)

Sand Creek Massacre Site to Eads, Co.-23.5 miles

Eads, Co. to Fort Lyons-60.9 miles

Fort Lyons to Boggsville-9.1 miles

Boggsville to Bents Old Fort-17.1 miles (stay in La Junta, Co)

Total miles: 110.6 miles