



## 2018 IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE

Dear Comanche Nation Voter:

“The Purpose of the Election office is to facilitate the election process under the Comanche Business Committee pursuant to the Comanche Constitution Article VI, Section 7(b) and Article VII, Section 2.” All enrolled members of the Comanche Nation who are eighteen (18) years of age and over, are **QUALIFIED VOTERS** of tribal election(s) as defined in Article V, Section 1 of the Comanche Constitution. Any qualified voter shall be permitted to vote in **ALL** Comanche Nation Elections.

The Elections Office sends this Important Election Notice to ensure that ALL eligible voters receive an opportunity to vote in the upcoming General Election slated for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and if needed a Runoff Election is scheduled for June 16, 2018. This year’s elections will be for the Business Committee positions of:

**Chairman**  
**Vice-Chairman**

This election year our Office is excited to announce a few changes, the 1<sup>st</sup> is how this year’s tribal elections will be conducted and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is how Absentee Voters may register to become a “Temporary” or “Permanent” voter.

This year tribal elections will be conducted by the Comanche Nation Elections office, utilizing Voting Machines purchased by the Nation from Hart Intercivic.

### ABSENTEE VOTING:

The Election Office has included with this Notice an Absentee Ballot Request Form which will allow eligible Comanche Voters to register two different ways:

- 1) Qualified voters may request to be a “**TEMPORARY**” Absentee Voter, which means an absentee ballot shall be issued for every election held within **one election calendar year** to the voter’s last known address. (OR)
- 2) Qualified voters may request to be a “**PERMANANT**” Absentee Voter, which means an absentee ballot shall automatically be issued **every election** thereafter to the voter’s last known address.

The Election Office would like to encourage Absentee Voters to take advantage of this chance to register as either a “Temporary” or “Permanent” Absentee Voter. In the future this will allow for an immediate release of an Absentee Ballot to each registered Voter as soon as they are printed. There will be ample time for every Absentee Voter to mark his or her ballot and return it to the Elections Office.



# Comanche Nation ELECTION OFFICE

Your request to be given an Absentee Ballot must be received by April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. **[Please follow the instructions for completing the Absentee Ballot Request Form included with this Notice and you must sign your name in the presence of a Notary.]** Upon completion return the enclosed Absentee Ballot Request Form in the preaddressed envelope provided.

Any eligible voter who requests an absentee ballot and does not complete and mail the ballot, but instead wishes to cast his or her vote in person, must first surrender his or her absentee ballot – if in their possession, on election day; or sign an affidavit stating they requested an absentee ballot but did not vote it. Previously issued absentee ballots belonging to an affiant shall be considered void.

## EARLY/IN-HOUSE VOTING:

Eligible Voters may cast a Ballot by Early/In-house Voting on Friday May 18, 2018 at the Comanche Nation Elder's Center located at 1107 SW "H" Ave., Lawton, OK or at the Comanche Nation Complex New Conference Room, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton, OK. Polling hours for Early/In-house Voting are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## VOTING ON ELECTION DAY:

Voters may cast their ballots on Election Day, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the polling site of their choice listed below:

### **Lawton Polling Site**

Comanche Nation Complex New Conference Rm, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton

### **Oklahoma City Polling Site**

Comanche Nation Outreach Office – Oklahoma City Office, 7390 S. Walker, OKC

### **Apache Polling Site**

Comanche Nation – Apache Community Center, 309 Julia Mahseet Road, Apache

### **Anadarko Polling Site**

Comanche Nation Outreach Office – Anadarko Office, 117 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Anadarko

### **Cache Polling Site**

Comanche Nation – Cahoma Community Center, 752 NW Quanah Rd., Cache

### **Walters Polling Site**

Comanche Nation Community Center – Walters, 905 E. Missouri St., Walters

For further information or to contact the Election Office visit the Comanche Nation Website [www.comanchenation.com](http://www.comanchenation.com) and click on "Elections Department". Available will be the Election Calendar, Election Notices, Election Forms, Election Policy and Elections Office contact information. The Comanche Nation Elections Office encourages you to exercise your right to vote, Ura ko!!