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RESOLUTION

List No. 1338

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee has been presented a list containing applicants who have filed for membership with the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the list includes the names of applicants who have been **verified as eligible** pursuant to Article III, Section 1(c) Membership, of the Constitution of the Comanche Nation which states “All descendants of allottees eligible for membership under the provision of Section 1(a) of the Article, having one-eighth (1/8) or more degree of Comanche Indian Blood;” and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee accept the verification of eligibility for the applicants as shown on **List No. 1338** by the Comanche Nation Enrollment Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Comanche Nation Enrollment Office notify the eligible applicant by letter of their approved membership and further that the enrolled member be provided information concerning their enrollment, including name, date of birth, roll number, social security number and degree of Comanche blood.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Code Talker Room located within the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstentions, a quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Tribal Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

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List No. 1338

Constitution and By-Laws, “The membership of the Comanche Nation shall consist of the following: All the Descendants of allottees **eligible for membership** under the provisions of Section 1 (a) of the Article, having one-eight (1/8) or more degree of COMANCHE Indian Blood.”

	<i>Eligible</i>	<i>Minors</i>	<i>*ONLINE FORMAT*</i>	
Name	Sex	DOB	BQ	STATE
Ah Sam, Christopher Tanielu				
Ah Sam, Jonathan Mikaele				
Ah Sam, Savannah Grace				
Ahtone, Everly Jeme'				
Baker, Brock Dean				
Baker, Kimberlynn Rae				
Ballard, Cody Crae				
Ballard, Kimber Gene				
Blair, Hope Anne				
Blair, Terri Alice				
Blandford, Sonny James				
Bryant, Adleigh Nicole				
Bryant, Harleigh Rae				
Bryant, Jase Austin Leroy				
Bullock, Chanel Malaysia				
Burgess, To' Tsiyaah Jolena Noelle				
Caldwell, Leyani Latrice-Sandra				
Chibitty, Alice Belle				
Chibitty, August Ashish				
Cramer, Elliot Jennings				
Davis, Jaxson Ridge Austin				
Flurry, Tushka Noah				
Foster, Alaiya Monae				
Grant, Parker Jay				
Hodge, Landon Ryker				
Hutchens-Justus, Christopher James				
Jay, Okemah Gaje				
Johnson, Mabel Renee				
Marcellino, Vincent Nakoa Mana'o				
Ha'alilio				
Martinez, Lucas Jacob				

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	<i>Eligible</i>	<i>Minors</i>	<i>*ONLINE FORMAT*</i>	
Name	Sex	DOB	BQ	STATE
McClung, Eden Faith				
McVay, Harrison Storm				
McWilliams, Nathan Bell				
Mihecoby, Zendaya Ranae				
Miller, Maverick Lane				
Monetathchi, Makaylee Knight				
Morris, Donovan Morgan				
OncO, Kirigan Wayne				
Paukei, Luke Andrew				
Poafpybitty, Michael Edward				
Pueblo, Lilith Dean Joyce				
Ramirez, Zamira Aramina				
Rice, Eli Lawrence-Tooahimpah				
Richmond, Lylyann Kye				
Roberson, Israel Levi				
Rodriquez, Violet Rose				
Scott, Brilenn Danan				
Scott, Salem Kaymarie				
Segura, Rocker Lee				
Shelmadine, Jordan Allan-Leroy				
Simmons, Dakota Elaine				
Smith, Aries Orion				
Stanley, Tyr Tanasi				
Starr, Luna NaomiENZERRA				
Stickney, Bentley James				
Tartsah, Amilia Harmony				
Timbo-Bryant, Teszera Prettyflower				
Thode, Amayah Asher				
Walker, Emerald Kay				
Youngman, Kobe Glen				

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List No. 1339

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee has been presented a list of applicants who have filed for membership with the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the documentary evidence on file with the Comanche Nation Enrollment Office and information furnished by each applicant named on **List No. 1339** does not possess the required one-eighth (1/8) degree Comanche blood as provided by Article III Section 1(c) of the Comanche Constitution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that each applicant named on the attached **List No. 1339** is determined to be **ineligible for membership** with the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma because they **do not meet** the provisions of Article III, Section 3(c) of the Comanche Nation's Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each applicant on **List No. 1339** be officially notified of their rejection for membership, stating the reason for such determination and including the appropriate appeals provisions.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Code Talker Room located within the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstentions, a quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdoohnippah, Tribal Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

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List No. 1339

The applicants named below **do not qualify** for enrollment pursuant to Article III, Section 1(c), “The membership of the Comanche Nation shall consist of the following: “All descendants of allottees eligible for membership under the provision of Section 1(a) of this article, having one eighth (1/8) or more degree Comanche Indian Blood.”

Ineligible Blood Quantum “ONLINE FORMAT”

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD DEGREE
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Barajas, Sofia

Barajas, Victoria

Fagan, Adrianna Nicole

Lynch, Kaden Michael

Dominic Odell Suarez-Lambert

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WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee deems it necessary to include the elders that are at least sixty-two (62) years of age by October 1st through December 31st of this year; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee verifies forty-five (45) Comanche Tribal Members that are considered Tribal Elders through data received from the Comanche Nation Enrollment Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee accepts the verification of eligibility for the forty-five (45) tribal members considered as elders by October 1st through December 31st of this year to receive their elder's distribution payment along with the other elders as described in the Revenue Allocation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee will notify City National Bank, Lawton, OK of the decision to distribute the elder's payment to verified tribal members.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of for against, and abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer



**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE WORKFORCE
(W.I.O.A.) GUIDELINES FOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution establishes the Comanche Business Committee as the duly elected official body designated to conduct business for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation and shall review, establish priorities, and prepare amendments to the prior guidelines created; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce (W.I.O.A.) department has updated and will amend the written program eligibility guidelines for CNG-funded services; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce (W.I.O.A.) department makes the following amendments to the current eligibility guidelines for CNG-funded service:

(1) Work Experience (WE) Program

- a. At any worksite depending on the job duties and labor, plus any credential attainments, clients pay rate will start at \$15.00 per hour and will not go over \$20.00 per hour. A matrix will be developed based on educational attainment, training completion, past work history and time been out of workforce will be considered when scoring the client for hourly rate recommendation.
- b. Participating clients will be required to attend a one (1) day Career Development Class hosted by the Workforce staff and Local Workforce partners prior to starting at the worksite. Topics will cover Resume Building, Learning How to Budget, Dress for Success, Interview Skills, Soft Skills, Hard Skills, Focus Group Discussions, Career Assessments, Time Management, etc.
- c. This service can now be provided once a year after a six (6) month waiting period if program is successfully completed and no employment could be obtained during six (6) month waiting period.
 - i. New worksite placement would vary to allow additional employability training or enhance current skills and to learn new skill sets.
 - ii. The client will not have the option to return to same worksite placement as before. Unless the worksite is going to train them for different position within the department to advance the skills learned in prior placement.

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- iii. Workforce will increase its timeframe from Eight (8) weeks without extension to 480 hours and/or twelve (12) weeks whichever comes first. Emergency Extensions will be granted IF the employer needs more time to hire tribal client. The request for extension must be submitted in writing prior the end date for consideration and approval by Director. Funding must be available for an extension be considered for approval.
- d. Client negligence of completing this service due to dropping out or being terminated prior to completion, will have a 2-year waiting period to 1-year waiting period and a favorable recommendation must be submitted by the Workforce Job Developer, other partner or past employer before being eligible to re-apply for services.
- e. This service is provided to clients who are unemployed, part-time and/or full-time permanent employees will not qualify.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee hereby approves the attached updated and amended Workforce (W.I.O.A.) Departmental Guidelines effective September 7, 2024.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular monthly meeting of the Comanche Business Committee, held on September 7, 2024 at the Comanche Nation Headquarters, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for ___ against, and ___ abstentions, a quorum present.

Forrest Tahdoahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

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RESOLUTION

Resolution to Approve the Renewal Memorandum of Understanding for Continued Legal Services Between the Comanche Nation and the Great Plains Legal Services, LLC

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation desires the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Comanche Nation and Great Plains Legal Services, LLC to provide Public Defender, Guardian ad Litem, and Legal Aid Clinic services for Comanche tribal members through the Comanche Nation Tribal Court; and

WHEREAS, the proposed term of the memorandum of understanding shall be from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee does hereby approve and authorize the resolution between the Comanche Nation and Great Plains Legal Services, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee, acting for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation, does hereby authorize this Resolution for such intent.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of for, against, and abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMANCHE NATION TO RENEW P.L. 93-638 SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, ADULT EDUCATION, AND JOB PLACEMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of sovereignty of the Comanche Nation, since time immemorial long predates the existence of the nation, establishes the inherent sovereign powers and rights of the Comanche self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution establishes the Comanche Business Committee as the duly elected official body designated to conduct business for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation and shall review, establish priorities, and prepare amendment to the contract prior to the proposed execution date; and

WHEREAS, the proposed term of the multi-year contract shall be from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee will renew existing P.L. 93-638 Self-Determination Contracts for Higher Education, Adult Education, and Job Placement and Training Programs. This resolution authorizes the Comanche Nation Chairman to sign P.L. 93-638 contract renewals and/or funding agreements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee hereby authorizes the Comanche Nation Chairman to sign and renew P.L. 93-638 Self-Determination contracts.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee, held on 7th day of September, 2024 at the Comanche Nation Headquarters, Lawton, Oklahoma by a majority vote of _ for _ against, and _ abstentions, a quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

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RESOLUTION

**Application to the United States Department of the Interior (DOI)
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Public Law 93-638
Continued Annual Funding for ICW –Renewal of Contract**

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee being committed to protect the best interest of Comanche children and to promote the stability and security of Comanche children and families as well as to protect the rights of Indian children and their parents; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Anadarko Agency's Continued Annual funding for ICW-Renewal of Contract(grant) has funds available annually for a three (3) year cycle, commencing in January 2025 to December 2027, to accomplish this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee does hereby approve and authorize the submission of a contract (grant) application to the United States Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Anadarko Agency's Continued Annual Funding for ICW-Renewal of Contract (grant); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee, acting for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation, does hereby authorize this Resolution for such intent.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of _ for, _ against, and _ abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer



**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND PRIORITY PLAN FOR
COMANCHE NATION ENTERTAINMENT**

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(j), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to promulgate and enforce ordinances and codes governing law and order to protect the peace, health, safety, and general welfare on land determined to be within Comanche tribal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee has promulgated a Gaming Ordinance authorizing the conduct of gaming by the Comanche Nation under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Ordinance provides that the Nation has the sole responsibility for the conduct of gaming authorized by the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Ordinance establishes Comanche Nation Entertainment as an unincorporated entity wholly-owned by the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Ordinance requires the Comanche Nation Entertainment Chief Executive Officer to perform gaming-related duties as assigned or delegated by the Comanche Business Committee (“CBC”); and

WHEREAS, the CBC wishes to assign duties to the Chief Executive Officer in the form of express strategic direction and a priority plan; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the plan requires coordination with the Natural Resources Director, who is under the supervision of the Comanche Business Committee and who is responsible for the Nation’s real property; and

WHEREAS, investments and improvements required under the plan may be subject to threat from climate change and require federal grants to address such threats; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee hereby assigns the Comanche Nation Entertainment Chief Executive Officer, the Natural Resources Director, and itself the duty of implementing the following priority plan:

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Priority Rank	Task	Responsible Party	Deadlines
1	<p>Improve Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Oklahoma, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event Center - Renovations of Existing Building - Travel Center - Bingo Hall - Additional Office Space 	<p>Comanche Nation Entertainment CEO—site plan and negotiation of financing</p> <p>CBC—convene General Council meeting to obtain approval for financing</p> <p>Natural Resources Director—climate change mitigation and resilience plan and grants</p>	<p>Preliminary site plan—September 2024</p> <p>General Council meeting—October 2024</p> <p>Final site plan—December 2024</p> <p>Climate change mitigation and resilience plan—December 2024</p>
2	<p>Renovate Comanche Red River Casino and Hotel and add additional amenities, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New flooring - Pool - Family-friendly activities (e.g., mini golf) 	Comanche Nation Entertainment CEO	Begin immediately, completion dependent on construction schedule
3	Explore diversification towards gaming off-reservation, e.g., state-licensed gaming, online gaming, acquisition of other gaming operations	Comanche Nation Entertainment CEO	Ongoing

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Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer



**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING GAMING REVENUE FROM COMANCHE NATION
GAMING COMMISSION TO COMANCHE NATION ENTERTAINMENT**

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution, Article VI, Section 7(j) provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to promulgate and enforce ordinances and codes governing law and order to protect the peace, health, safety, and general welfare on land determined to within Comanche tribal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, to promote the general welfare and improve the economic status of tribal members, the Comanche Business Committee has enacted a Gaming Ordinance approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Ordinance establishes Comanche Nation Entertainment as an unincorporated entity wholly-owned by the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Gaming Ordinance requires the Comanche Nation Entertainment Chief Executive Officer to perform gaming-related duties as assigned or delegated by the CBC; and

WHEREAS, Section 316 of the Gaming Ordinance, and its predecessors, provides that the Commission shall develop a budget to be approved by the Comanche Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, in prior fiscal years, budgeted funds that were not expended were reserved and not allocated or spent; and

WHEREAS, the reserved funds have accumulated to the sum of \$ [REDACTED]; and

WHEREAS, the funds originated as gaming revenue, and the Nation's gaming facilities need improvements and renovations; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation for the Gaming Commission to reserve [REDACTED] of the accumulated funds in case of budget shortfall, and for the remaining funds to be transferred to Comanche Nation Entertainment for capital expenditures at the beginning of the fiscal year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee hereby directs the Gaming Commission to transfer [REDACTED] from the bank account ending in -3327 to Comanche Nation Entertainment on October 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer of Comanche Nation Entertainment is hereby assigned the duty of using such funds for capital expenditures listed on the August monthly report to the Business Committee to include at least a pool at the Red River Hotel and Casino, raised flooring at the Red River Hotel and Casino, and raised flooring at the Comanche Nation Casino.

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CERTIFICATION

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ATTEST:

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

A CBC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING COMANCHE NATION ENTERTAINMENT FY2024 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of Interior on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges of the tribe and its members and to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution, Article VI, Section 7 establishes the Comanche Business Committee as the duly elected official body designated to conduct business for and on behalf of Comanche Nation in a legal quorum; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Gaming Ordinance (Ordinance), at Section 207(C) CEO duties, "develop, approve, and present to the CBC, the Annual Operating Budget for CNE in accordance with Section 211 of this ordinance and implement and manage such budget; and

WHEREAS, CBC approval, by resolution, is needed prior to the new fiscal year pursuant to Section 211 of the Ordinance, (B) "Said proposed budget shall be submitted to the CBC prior to the Nation's fiscal year and shall be treated as highly confidential and proprietary," and

WHEREAS, the proposed FY2025 Operating Budget was presented to the CBC at the All Entity meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the CBC does hereby approve the forementioned Comanche Nation Entertainment Operating Budget for FY2025.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted a regular meeting of the Comanche Nation Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of __ for, __ against, and __ abstaining, a quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CBC TRAVEL TO SAN ANTONIO FOR CONSULTATION REGARDING SACRED SITE

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Hole and San Antonio River in San Antonio, Texas are sacred sites to several Native American tribes, and have been a historical stopping site for Comanches traveling to Mexico and for Comanches making pilgrimage to the peyote gardens of South Texas; and

WHEREAS, a construction project proposed for Brackenridge Park in San Antonio has the potential to disrupt religious practices along the San Antonio River and interfere with the habitat of birds sacred to and necessary for the practice of the peyote religion; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is undertaking consultation with the Comanche Tribal Historic Preservation Office (“THPO”) regarding this project, and such consultation includes a site visit to Brackenridge Park; and

WHEREAS, due to the importance of this site, the Comanche Business Committee wishes for leadership to attend this site visit along with representatives from Comanche THPO; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee hereby authorizes the Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman to travel to Brackenridge Park for the site visit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Vice-Chairwoman may use Tribal vehicles and receive per diem consistent with Tribal motor vehicle, travel, and other applicable policies.

CERTIFICATION

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Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

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RESOLUTION FOR CBC TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7, Establishes the Comanche Business Committee as the duly elected official body designated to conduct business for and on behalf of the Nation pursuant to Article VI § 7 (c) of the Comanche Constitution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee appoints Forrest Tahdooahnippah- Chairman, Diana Doyebi-Sovo- Vice Chairwoman, and Hazel Tahsequah-Committeeperson No. 1, to attend the tribal outreach event in Albuquerque, New Mexico from October 10-12, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a travel report shall be given at the next monthly meeting, detailing any relevant information gathered during their attendance.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article V, Section 6(d) provides that the Comanche Tribal Council has the exclusive authority to authorize expenditure of funds deposited to the exclusive credit of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article VI, Section 7(d), provides that the Comanche Business Committee must develop an annual budget and present it to the Tribal Council for final consideration as to adoption or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article VI, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, each year the Comanche Tribal Council approves an annual budget consisting of funds earned by the Tax Commission and the Tribe's gaming operations, and in some years the Tribe's tobacco businesses; and

WHEREAS, tribal programs receive additional funding from grants, federal self-determination contracts, or earned income; and

WHEREAS, as a result, tribal programs do not always expend the entire amount of funds approved by the Tribal Council in the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, previously gaming revenue, tax revenue, and earned income not expended by Tribal programs became part of a charitable fund for the Comanche Chairman; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman's charitable fund was stopped in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, unspent budgeted funds and unspent earned income between October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2018 were distributed as a "dividend;" and

WHEREAS, some dividend checks were returned, and as a result, the Nation currently has [REDACTED] in a "Revenue Share Excess Distribution" account (xxx0793); and

WHEREAS, since the "dividend" unspent budgeted funds have been accumulating in the Nation's Tribal Operations account; and

WHEREAS, some of the unspent budgeted funds are gaming revenue subject to the Nation's Revenue Allocation Plan; and

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WHEREAS, under the Revenue Allocation Plan (“RAP”), 40% of net gaming revenue goes to the per capita and elder’s payments, 10% of net gaming revenue goes to tribal government, 25% of net gaming revenue goes to economic development, and 25% of net gaming revenue goes to community and education; and

WHEREAS, of the unspent budgeted funds that consist of gaming revenue, 16% comes from tribal government programs, about 36% comes from economic development programs, and about 48% comes from community and education programs, or in other words, measure in terms of net revenue, 9.8% comes from tribal government programs (compared to 10% called for by the RAP), 21.5% comes from economic development programs (compared to 25% called for by the RAP), and 28.7% comes from community and education programs (compared to 25% called for by the RAP); and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Allocation Plan permits the Comanche Business Committee to move not more than ten percent of funding provided in each category to any other category if the funding in the category from which the money is being taken is not necessary for the stated purposes, and if the funding is required for the category into which the money is being transferred; and

WHEREAS, due to increased competition in the gaming industry, and higher than anticipated costs in the construction of the Cache Casino, the net revenue generated in the current fiscal year is less than the [REDACTED] anticipated at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, due to lower than anticipated revenue in the prior fiscal year due to the COVID19 pandemic, the Tribal programs had to make a repayment to the Tribe’s gaming operations in the amount of [REDACTED] in the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in order to make up the deficit, rather than having the casino cut expenses and forego needed capital improvements, the Comanche Business Committee desires to use the “Revenue Share Excess Distribution” and prior years’ unspent budgeted funds, including gaming funds, which the Comanche Business Committee finds it may make an adjustment consistent with the Revenue Replacement Plan such that economic development is adjusted from 9.8% back to 10%, economic development is adjusted from 21.5% back to 25% and community and education is adjusted from 28.7% back to 25%; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee hereby authorizes the transfer of all funds in the a “Revenue Share Excess Distribution” account (xxx0793) to the Tribal Operations account for use, pro rata, across all Tribal programs funded by gaming revenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee hereby authorizes the use, pro rata across all Tribal programs funded by gaming revenue, of [REDACTED] from prior years’ unspent budgeted funds.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Code Talker Room located within the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstentions, a quorum being present.

COMANCHE

ATTEST:

Forrest Tahdoahnippah, Chairman

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

COMANCHE

A RESOLUTION CREATING COMANCHE NATIONAL TREASURE DESIGNATION AND DESIGNATING GENEVA NAVARRO AND RANCE HOOD AS COMANCHE NATIONAL TREASURES

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution, Article VI, Section 7(j) provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to promulgate and enforce ordinances and codes governing law and order to protect the peace, health, safety, and general welfare on land determined to within Comanche tribal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, to protect the peace, health, safety, and general welfare, the Comanche Business Committee wishes to create a “National Treasure” designation, which will recognize Tribal members, over the age of fifty, that have made major contributions over their lifetimes to perpetuating the Comanche culture; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of decades of effort to promote and preserve the Comanche language, the Comanche Business Committee wishes to declare Geneva Navarro as one of the inaugural Comanche National Treasures; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his lifetime of work and contributions as an artist, the Comanche Nation wishes to declare Rance Hood as one of the inaugural Comanche National Treasures; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee hereby creates a “National Treasure” designation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “National Treasure” designation is reserved for Tribal members over the age of fifty that have made major contributions over a significant period of their lifetime to perpetuating the Comanche culture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that hereafter two “National Treasures” shall be designated at the September regular monthly Comanche Business Committee meeting from nominations submitted to the Comanche Business Committee on or before July 1 of each year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a permanent location for display shall be created at the museum at a location to be determined at a future time by the Comanche Business Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Geneva Navarro and Rance Hood are hereby designated as the inaugural Comanche National Treasures.

CERTIFICATION

COMANCHE

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Code Talker Room located within the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstentions, a quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer



**A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING TRIBAL PROGRAMS AND ENTITIES FROM USING
COMANCHE CONSTRUCTION LLC OR RELATED ENTITIES AS VENDOR**

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the tribal council; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation previously entered into a General Contractor Construction Agreement with Comanche Construction LLC to build a child care facility in Lawton, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the child care facility has encountered numerous issues with the workmanship of its construction, including poor air conditioning regulation, poor plumbing, leakage in a retaining wall, burnt out lighting, and problems with electric outlets; and

WHEREAS, Comanche Construction LLC did not adequately address issues, and the Comanche Nation has had to pay for other contractors to remedy the poor workmanship of Comanche Construction LLC or its subcontractors; and

WHEREAS, Comanche Nation staff have complained that Comanche Construction LLC's principals and agents have not engaged in respectful dialogue during construction of the child care facility; and

WHEREAS, doing business with the Comanche Nation and being paid with Comanche tribal funds are a privilege; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee determines that it is not in the best interests of the health or welfare of the Tribe for Comanche Construction LLC, or any of its related entities, to serve as a vendor for the Comanche Nation or its related entities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee hereby prohibits any Tribal program, any Tribally-owned entity, and/or any Tribally-funded entity from engaging, retaining, and/or otherwise doing business with Comanche Construction LLC or any of its related entities.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Code Talker Room located within the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstentions, a quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

COMANCHE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMANCHE NATION CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT IHS PROJECT OK 24-F93 PUBLIC LAW 86-121

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article 6, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee has the constitutional authority via Article VI, Section 7(c) To execute leases, contracts, or permits with regard to property which is owned exclusively or jointly by the Comanche Nation, but this does not include any jurisdiction over individually-owned land or personal property; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Business Committee have reviewed the attached Memorandum of Agreement, OK 24-F93 which allows the obtaining of satisfactory domestic water supply and adequate wastewater disposal facilities for 16 new, like new, or renovated to like new American Indian owned homes in Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Stephens, and Tillman Counties, in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Comanche Nation to authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement IHS Project OK 24-F93; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comanche Business Committee hereby authorize the Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdoahnippah, to sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement IHS Project OK 24-F93, on behalf of the Comanche Nation.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, __ against, and ___ abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdoahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

COMANCHE

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs' ("BIA") fiscal year ends September 30, 2024, and the BIA may provide supplemental funding for federally-recognized Indian Tribes at the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, such supplemental funding is available upon request for special projects; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee desires to authorize the Chairman to make a supplemental funding request for several projects; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee desires to implement the following special projects using supplemental funds:

- Expanding the Tribe's vehicle fleet to include more pickup trucks
- Expanding the Tribe's food production through greenhouse agriculture
- Improving livestock pastures with additional fencing

WHEREAS, expansion of the Tribe's vehicle fleet is needed because several tribal employees currently use personal vehicles to haul equipment, and additional pickup trucks will enable these employees to haul equipment without increasing their personal maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of Tribal members will be improved with a more reliable food supply, especially of nutritious traditional foods or traditional plant medicines; and

WHEREAS, traditional foods, such as yapa root, and traditional plant medicines, such as peyote, require different climates than that which exists in Southwest Oklahoma and the availability of traditional foods and plant medicines can be enhanced using greenhouses; and

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of Tribal members will be improved with a more reliable food supply, especially through reliable raising of livestock.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Comanche Business Committee hereby approves the Chairman to request supplemental funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for special projects as follows:

- \$150,000 to purchase used pickup trucks to add to the Tribe's vehicle fleet;
- \$200,000 to build and equip greenhouses for cultivation of traditional plants; and
- \$50,000 for fence posts and barbed wire.

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Comanche Business Committee, acting for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation, does hereby authorize this Resolution for such intent.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 20th day of August, 2024, at the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, __ against, and ___ abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

COMANCHE

RESOLUTION

Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) 1952 Budget USDA Forest Service Heritage Resource Technicians/ Paraprofessionals

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe possessing inherent powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee is the duly elected official body designated to conduct business for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation has renewed the United States Forest Service (USF) Master Agreement and Supplemental Project Agreement(s) to allow for the Certified Heritage Resource Technicians (HRT)/ Paraprofessionals under the Comanche Tribal Historic Preservation Office to work with the United States Forest Service within the Region 8 Area, by conducting Archeological Assessment Surveys alongside an archaeologist in areas that are culturally sensitive to Native American Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the USDA Forest Service and The Comanche Tribal Historic Preservation Office has a projected financial plan agreed upon, in order to send the Heritage Resource Technicians (HRT)/ Paraprofessionals for Archeological Assessment Surveys with the agreement of reimbursement of the funding and an administration fee from the USDA Forest Service. The THPO request for the 1952 Budget earnings be considered as “carry over” funding for the 2025 Budget. The funding will be utilized for supplies, outreach & cultural activities due to the projected loss of gaming funding; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Chairman or his designee, is the official representative of the Comanche Nation, and is authorized to negotiate and approve contracts and any amendments to such; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee does hereby approve the submission of this agreement with the USDA Forest Service and the Comanche Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Comanche Business Committee, acting for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation, does hereby authorize this resolution for such intent.

CERTIFICATION

The forgoing resolution was adopted at a regular monthly meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024 at the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstaining, a legal quorum present.

ATTEST:

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

COMANCHE

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING
VEHICLE TAGS TO BE MADE OF ALUMINUM OR THE PRESCRIBED FORM AS
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA AND ON ANY BACKGROUND THAT
HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR AND APPROVED BY
THE COMANCHE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of Interior on January 9, 1967 to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges of the tribe and its members and to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution, Article VI, Section 7 empowers the Comanche Business Committee as duly elected official body designated to conduct business for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee created the Comanche Nation Tax Commission in accordance with the Resolution TC-36-95 adopted on April 15, 1995, by the Comanche General Council, the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation, and is authorized to appoint commissioners to serve on the Tax Commission in accordance with Section 202 General Revenue and Taxation Act of 1995 (as amended) (the "Tax Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee has recommended the new verbiage to replace Subparagraph (a) in Section 614 of the Tax Act to read as follows: *Each vehicle tag shall be made of aluminum or the prescribed form as required by the State of Oklahoma and on any background that has been recommended by the tax administrator and approved by the Comanche Business Committee;* and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee has approved the new verbiage to replace Subparagraph (a) in Section 614 of the Taxation Act to read as follows: *Each vehicle tag shall be made of aluminum or the prescribed form as required by the state of Oklahoma and on any background that has been recommended by the tax administrator and approved by the Comanche Business Committee.*

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024 at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstaining, a quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer



A RESOLUTION AMENDING ELECTION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution, Article VI, Section 7(j) provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to promulgate and enforce ordinances and codes governing law and order to protect the peace, health, safety, and general welfare on land determined to within Comanche tribal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee previously adopted an Election Ordinance on February 3, 2024 by Resolution No. 22-2024; and

WHEREAS, the Election Ordinance includes the following quorum requirement in Section 202(b)(1);

For the Election Board to take any official action at a meeting, the meeting must have a valid quorum. For any meeting occurring before the 2024 General Election, quorum is met if there are four (4) Election Board members present. For any meeting occurring after the 2024 General Election, quorum is met if there are ten (10) Election Board members present.

WHEREAS, only ten persons currently serve on the Election Board, and the Election Board has failed to meet quorum at recent meetings; and

WHEREAS, to promote the general welfare and improve the economic status of tribal members, the Comanche Business Committee desires to amend the Election Ordinance to decrease the quorum requirement to two-thirds (2/3rds) of seated Election Board members; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is exigent, the Election Board must elect new officers, develop a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, staff the Election Office, and conduct other business; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the exigency, a thirty-day notice and comment period is not practicable and is waived; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Section 202(b)(1) of the 2024 Election Ordinance is hereby amended to recite the following:

For the Election Board to take any official action at a meeting, the meeting must have a quorum. A quorum is met if two-thirds (2/3rds) or more of seated Election Board members are present. For purposes of computing quorum, vacant seats shall be disregarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Administrator is directed to ensure that all posted copies of the Election Ordinance are amended accordingly.

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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, __ against, and ___ abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer



**A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION TO REMOVE
SECRETARIAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article IV, Section 1 recognizes the Comanche Tribal Council as the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, at the Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council held on April 20, 2024, a Tribal Council Resolution was proposed, Resolution TC 03-2024, and was subsequently approved by the Tribal Council in the 2024 General Election with a vote of 771-Yes (63.04%) and 452-No (36.96%); and

WHEREAS, Resolution TC 03-2024 calls for an amendment to Article XIII, ADOPTION; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the author of Resolution TC 03-2024 was for an amendment to Article XI, AMENDMENTS; and

WHEREAS, in particular, the author of the Resolution desired to remove the requirement of a Secretarial Election for an amendment to the Constitution, and instead allow the Constitution to be amended via Tribal Election; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article XI, Section 1, provides that amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee believes it was the intent of the Tribal Council to request an amendment to the Constitution to remove the requirement for a Secretarial Election for amendments, and wishes to give effect to this intent; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee hereby proposes that the following Constitutional provision, ARTICLE XI—AMENDMENTS, which reads as follows:

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the business committee or by a petition signed by two hundred (200) adult members of the tribe who are entitled to vote, and if approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, shall be submitted to the voters of the Tribe, and shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of those who cast ballots in an election called by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

be amended as follows:

Section 1. Amendments to this **C**onstitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the **B**usiness **C**ommittee or by a petition signed by two hundred (200) adult members of the tribe who are entitled to vote. ***Such proposals*** shall be submitted to the voters of the Tribe, and shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of those who cast ballots in an election.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Amendment shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for approval.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of **September**, 2024, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, __ against, and ___ abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdoahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

COMANCHE

Resolution to Support the Legislation to Create the Truth and Healing Commission on Federal Indian Boarding School Policies Act in the United States

WHEREAS, attempts to destroy Native cultures, religions, and languages through assimilationist practices and policies can be traced to the early 17th century and the founding charters of some of the oldest educational institutions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Indian Boarding School Policy was expressly intended to accomplish genocide—the systematic destruction of Indigenous identities and beliefs, and taking of Native lands; and

WHEREAS, between 1819 and the 1960s hundreds of thousands of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children were removed from their homes and families and placed in Indian boarding schools operated by the federal government and churches; and

WHEREAS, many of the children who were taken to Indian boarding schools did not survive, and of those who did survive, many never returned to their parents, extended families, or communities; and

WHEREAS, many of the children who were taken to Indian boarding schools did not survive were interred in cemeteries and unmarked graves; and

WHEREAS, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities continue to experience intergenerational trauma and cultural and familial disruption from experiences rooted in Indian Boarding Schools Policies, which divided family structures, damaged cultures and individual identities, and inflicted chronic physical and psychological ramifications on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the descendants of these children, spanning across multiple generations, bear the legacy of Indian boarding schools and the enduring federal policy that established and perpetuated them, wherein the trauma they endured remains unacknowledged and unresolved to this day; and

WHEREAS, many of the children who were taken to Indian boarding schools and did not survive were interred in cemeteries and unmarked graves; and the children who perished in neighboring hospitals and other institutions were buried in on-campus and off-campus cemeteries and unmarked graves; and

WHEREAS, parents of children who were forcibly removed from or coerced into leaving their homes and placed in Indian boarding schools were prohibited from visiting or engaging in correspondence with their children; and

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WHEREAS, parental resistance to compliance with the harsh, no-contact policy of Indian boarding schools resulted in parents being incarcerated or losing access to basic human rights, food rations, and clothing; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has a responsibility to fully investigate its role in, and the lasting effects of, Indian Boarding School Policies; and

WHEREAS, the survivors of Indian boarding schools are victims of crimes that the United States has never acknowledged or accounted for; and

WHEREAS, the facts and history about the pervasive harm caused continues in the historical and intergenerational trauma attributable to the Boarding School Policy and is poorly understood by the American public, the Congress and the Executive Branch of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, it has been identified that 523+ Indian boarding schools existed across 38 states but this does not include day schools, asylums, orphanages, and hospitals that were used to take Native children from their family and Tribes during this same time period; and

WHEREAS, to **support the establishment a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States**, including other necessary advisory committees and subcommittees to:

- formally investigate, document, and report on the histories of Indian boarding schools, Indian Boarding School Policies, and the systematic and long-term effects on Native American peoples;
- to develop recommendations for federal action based on the findings of the Commission;
- to promote healing for survivors of Indian boarding schools, the descendants of those survivors, and the communities of those survivors; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Nation does hereby support the “Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools Policies in the United States Act” (S.1723 and H.R. 7227);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Comanche Nation urges the House and Senate to pass S. 1723 and H.R. 7227;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Comanche Nation calls on President Joe Biden and Interior Secretary Debra Haaland to garner the full authority of the Biden Administration to support these bills.

COMANCHE

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Code Talker Room located within the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstentions, a quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer

COMANCHE

A RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE COMANCHE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT IS THE OFFICIAL ENTITY AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT LANGUAGE ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF THE COMANCHE NATION

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article V, Section 1 provides that the supreme governing body of the Nation is the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Tribal Council approved a motion made by Geneva Navarro and seconded by Rita Barnhart on April 16, 2005 for the “centraliz[ation] and consolidat[i]on of all language activity;” and

WHEREAS, in the 2018 General Election, the Tribal Council approved a budget for Comanche Language Planning and Development for Fiscal Year 2019 and subsequently approved funding in Fiscal Years 2020-2023; and

WHEREAS, at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council, a presentation by the Comanche Language Planning and Development Team emphasized that the purpose of the team was to “plan for [a] new language department” and that the budget was “the beginning phase of designing a multifaceted Comanche language department *under tribal governance*” (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Language Department envisioned by the Comanche Language Planning and Development Team came to fruition in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Language Department is a department of the Comanche Nation and has received funding under the name Comanche Language Department since 2024; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formation of the Comanche Language Department, a state-chartered organization, the Comanche Language and Preservation Committee was formed in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Language and Preservation Committee received Tribal Council approved funding to create and develop Comanche language materials from at least 2005 until 2019; and

WHEREAS, the existence of at least three separate entities concerning Comanche language—the Comanche Language and Preservation Committee, the Comanche Language Planning and Development Team, and Comanche Language Department—on Tribal Council budgets at different, and sometimes overlapping, time periods has created some level of confusion as to what entity is the “official” entity for the Comanche language; and

WHEREAS, disputes concerning intellectual property ownership of language materials have arisen throughout Indian Country where Tribes have worked with non-Tribally chartered organizations; and

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WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article VI, Section 7(f) provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, to avoid any confusion regarding what organization is the official entity conducting Comanche language activity on behalf of the Nation, to carry out the intent of the Tribal Council to consolidate language activity, to safeguard the property rights of the Nation, and to protect the sovereignty of the Comanche Nation as it concerns the Comanche language, the Comanche Business Committee desires to approve the following resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee hereby declares and emphasizes that the official entity authorized to conduct language activity on behalf of the Comanche Nation is the Comanche Language Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Tribal programs, subsidiaries, departments, divisions, instrumentalities, or other entities receiving Tribal funds are directed to work solely with the Language Department, or the designees of the Language Department, for matters concerning the Comanche Language; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Language Department is hereby directed to develop processes and procedures for protecting the Nation's intellectual property and promoting the Nation's data sovereignty, including defense of the Nation's federal copyrights to language materials, defense of the Nation's other property rights to language materials, certification of language speakers, purchase and distribution of language materials created by Tribal members, negotiation of royalties for the Nation from translation of works for third-parties, and licensure of educational uses of language materials owned by the Comanche Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing herein shall abridge the rights of Tribal members to freedom of worship, conscience, speech, press, assembly, and association under the Comanche Constitution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 7th day of September, 2024, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer