

RESOLUTION

Establishing a Tribal Youth Council and Directing the Wichita Executive Committee to Authorize Funds in the FY-2020 Budget for the Tribal Youth Council

- WHEREAS,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakoni) (the "Tribe") possesses substantial inherent sovereign powers and has exercised those powers since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe has a duly established Tribal Government recognized by the Secretary of the Interior; and
- WHEREAS,** Article III of the Wichita Governing Resolution affirms that the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Council is the Tribe's supreme governing body; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council may transact any business which may come regularly before it at its annual meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V of the Wichita Governing Resolution authorizes the Wichita Executive Committee to transact business and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Tribe in all matters on which the Tribe is empowered to act now or in the future; and
- WHEREAS,** the tribal youth of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes represent a great natural resource; and
- WHEREAS,** today's tribal youth of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes will be leaders of tomorrow; and
- WHEREAS,** the tribal youth need mentorship, leadership training and experience to better prepare them for these important roles; and
- WHEREAS,** the tribal youth should be given the opportunity to bring about positive changes in the existing conditions of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the young people between the ages of fifteen to twenty-four should have a greater voice in matters concerning them; and

WHEREAS, the youth, through their collective action, can serve as a catalyst to bring about more unity and harmony within the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a mechanism which will allow for the distribution of information, coordination of activities, and sharing of resources; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for interaction and communication among the youth representing various schools and communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes understand that the spiritual, mental, physical and social well-being of our youth is of the highest priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to provide a greater voice for our youth and to give them greater opportunities to develop as leaders that it is the will of the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that the Wichita Executive Committee authorize the formation and establishment of a Youth Council for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Wichita Executive Committee is directed to authorize funds in the FY-2020 budget for funding for the Youth Council to include funding for the Youth Council Members to join and participate in the UNITY Network, sponsored by the United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. to bring about positive change in Native America and to provide youth with greater opportunities to work with other youth leaders throughout the nation.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma on **July 20, 2019**, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, by a vote of _____ for, _____ against, with _____ abstentions and a quorum being present.

Attest:

Approved:

Myles Stephenson, Jr.
Secretary

Terri Parton
President