

RESOLUTION

Directing the Wichita Executive Committee to Authorize Funds for Improvements to the Rock Spring Cemetery to Include Signage, Fixing the Gate, Unmarked Graves and to Bring Back a Plan for the General Council Input Regarding the Expansion of the Cemetery

- 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 Rock Spring Cemetery is a cemetery that the Wichita Tribal people have used for over a hundred years to take care of those tribal members who have passed on; and
- WHEREAS**, the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes began several years ago an expansion project for the cemetery on the additional five acres that were included with the 2007 Resolutions for the land set aside; and
- WHEREAS**, the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes government and the Tribal Council understand that our tribal enrollment is growing; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes normally budgets for twelve (12) tribal members funerals and has increased the number to fifteen (15) per year but between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 there were eighteen (18) tribal members that passed away; and

WHEREAS, while not all of those that pass on are buried there it does demonstrate a need to expand the cemetery to make sure that our people have a place to be laid to rest and this is a final service that the Tribe can provide to take care of its tribal people; and

WHEREAS, there will be a dire need to expand the cemetery within the next few years and the Council is aware that action to expand the cemetery needs to be taken.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that the Wichita Executive Committee take steps during this next year to authorize funds for improvements to the Rock Spring Cemetery to include signage, fixing the gate, unmarked Graves and to bring back a plan for the General Council's input regarding the expansion of the cemetery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be continuing unless and until rescinded by separate action of this body, and shall supercede any and all prior resolutions or actions to the extent such actions conflict with the authorities granted by this Resolution.

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