

RESOLUTION

Directing the Wichita Executive Committee to Allocate Funds for FY-2020 Either for a Tribal Elder Day and/or a Tribal Member Day at Christmas to Include Cultural Activities for Members

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 other 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, throughout the years tribal members have expressed a desire to be more involved in language and cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, the best way to learn those activities are to be involved in them directly; and

WHEREAS, many times tribal members don't know the protocol for participating in various activities and therefore shy away from participating at all; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes believe that tribal elders are an important part of passing on language and cultural and knowledge that cannot be gained from any book; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes should honor tribal elders and give them their special day; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes should also encourage our tribal people to learn more about each other outside tribal politics to create a foundation for our Tribe that is more in line with our Wichita ways; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Tribal Council seeks to create a better future for our people by working together and pushing our Tribe forward in a good way; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Tribal Council believes that having these days where tribal elders and tribal members can congregate away from any political venues and meetings would be beneficial to the preservation of our language and our culture; and

WHEREAS, these functions should involve language and cultural learning so that tribal members can get first hand knowledge of cultural events prior to participating in the events and hopefully fostering a desire to be more involved in the language and culture when activities take place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will of the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that the Wichita Executive Committee allocate funds for FY-2020 either for a Tribal Elder Day and/or a Tribal Member Day at Christmas to include cultural activities for members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be continuing unless and until rescinded by separate action of this body, and shall supersede any and all prior resolutions or Executive Committee 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