

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President Staff and Funding for Positions Immediately to Carryout the Duties of the Office of President to Include an Executive Secretary Under the President and a File Clerk for Filing and Archiving

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, Administration currently consists of support staff that includes an Administrative Assiant, Receptionist and a part-time position; and

WHEREAS, the Administration eleven (11) years ago had the same support staff with the exception of the part-tim Secretary; and

WHEREAS, since that time the Tribe has grown enoroumously and while the President does not deal directly daily with all of the entities, businesses, and programs the President is still responsible for the general oversight of the affairs of the Council which includes anything under the Tribal umbrella; and

WHEREAS, in the last seven (7) years we have added land, hotel, history center, travel plaza, event center, readiness center, tribal member health plan, additional programs, additional staff and have grown well beyond the staff that is currently in place; and

WHEREAS, due to political turmoil it is imperative that the President have an Executive Secretary hired by the President and under the President's direct supervision to ensure that political turmoil does not interfere with the everyday business and not hired by the Wichita Executive Committee creating several supervisors which causes potential conflict; and

WHEREAS, in addition there is a need to hire a person who is solely dedicated to filing tribal correspondence and archiving that correspondence and due to the importance of this it needs to be a full time position dedicated to creating a system that ensures that documents can be found and are properly filed for the next administration; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent political turmoil, the current President desires that the Wichita General Council approve these positions due to the conflict that has been most obvious during the recent Recall Hearing held on Saturday, July 13, 2019 and has prevented the hiring of an Executive Secretary due to certain Committee Members instance that they be the ones that select the Executive Secretary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will of the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that the President of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes be authorized to hire an Executive Secretary and File Clerk to be hired by the President and under the direct supervision of the President.

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