

RESOLUTION

Directing the Wichita Executive Committee to Authorize Funds in the FY-2020 Budget Staff for a Program to Develop Rules and Regulations to Purchase Fractionaed Interests Utilizing the Farming and Grazing Funds the Tribe Receives

- 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 Government of the United States has offered a Land Buy Back Program to members of tribes across the nation to purchase fractionaed interests and return those to the tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has a unique situation where it shares jurisdiction with two other Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** this joint jurisdiction creates a myriad of issues related to determining which tribes would could claim which land within the joint jurisdictional boundaries and the

discussion has brought out even more issues that would arise should the three tribes began any argument over the land; and

WHEREAS, due to these issues, the Tribe is not eligible for the Land Buy Back Program at this time; and

WHEREAS, there are many tribal members have very small interests in their land and would like to sell it back to the tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe needs to have rules and regulations and staff in place to carry out any duties related to any land transactions regarding the fractionated interests; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Tribal Council desires that the Wichita Executive Committee authorize funds in the FY-2020 budget for staff for a program to develop rules and regulations to purchase fractionated interests.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will of the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that the Wichita Executive Committee authorize funds in the FY-2020 budget for staff for a program to develop rules and regulations to purchase fractionated interests utilizing the Farming and Grazing Funds the Tribe receives from Proceeds of Labor.

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 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