

**RESOLUTION**

***Establishing Rules for Participation in the Wichita Executive Committee Meetings in Order to Receive a Stipend***

**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,** the Wichita Executive Committee currently receives stipends for meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** currently there is no criteria for Wichita Executive Committee to receive stipends in regards to how Wichita Executive Committee Members participate in meetings; and

**WHEREAS,** most of the elected officials are always present during meetings so that face to face discussion and debate may occur on many issues that affect our tribal people; and

**WHEREAS,** it creates an unfairness to elected officials when some are dedicated to being at meetings and others are able to participate by phone; and

**WHEREAS,** many tribal members believe that if you are going to serve in an elected official

capacity that you need to be among your people and be available in person for meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, currently there is no requirement for disclosure of those running for office as to where they live and how they will participate in meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, tribal members need to know where those running for office reside prior to electing them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wichita Tribal Council desires that the Wichita Executive Committee make efforts in the Election Ordinance to require disclosure of residency for anyone running for office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wichita Tribal Council also desires that procedures for stipends and participation be put in place so that those choosing to run in the July 2020 elections understand that in order to receive a stipend that elected officials will need to be present during the meetings as opposed to participating by phone for Wichita Executive Committee meetings.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is the will of the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that the Wichita Executive Committee establish rules for participation in the Wichita Executive Committee Meetings order to receive a stipend and that those rules be established prior to the July 2020 elections.

**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

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Terri Parton  
President