

RESOLUTION

Directing the Wichita Executive Committee to Put in Place a Veteran's Program to Include Color Guard and Assistance to Veterans to Help with Disability Filings by October 1, 2019 and Allocating Funds for the Program

- 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 and Affiliated Tribes currently does not have any programs to assist tribal Veterans in any way; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has a monument at the Wichita Tribal Complex and a wall at the Wichita Tribal History Center but other than that there is really no recognition for tribal Veterans; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wichita Service Club has recently began reforming to also provide some services but this does not encompass the everyday needs that Veteran's face such as disability filings, home repairs, Veteran's Administration dealings, recognition and tracking of Veterans, Veteran outreach and many other services; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Executive Committee has made attempts to do things to put programs in place and has made attempts to work on a Veteran's Park at the Wichita Tribal History Center; and

WHEREAS, the efforts to provide more services and to do things to honor Veterans requires more time and effort than any of our elected officials can perform on a regular basis to get a program in place and to hold meetings with Veterans to address all of their needs; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Wichita Executive Committee, have proven that more resources are needed to be directed to this project in order to get services in place and to get a plan in place for the Veteran's Park; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Tribal Council desires that the Wichita Executive Committee put a program in place so that the Tribe can hire an individual to be dedicated to coordinating, planning and meeting with Veteran's to build out a Veteran Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will of the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that the Wichita Executive Committee take all steps necessary to move forward directing the Wichita Executive Committee to put in place a Veteran's Program, by October 1, 2019, to include a Color Guard and assistance to Veterans to help with disability filings and allocating funds for the program.

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