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KIOWA LEGISLATURE

KIOWA TRIBE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION NO. KL-CY-2017-005

KIOWA LANGUAGE PROJECT “A SEMANTIC GRAMMAR OFR KIOWA”

At a July called **Session II** of the District Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe held this **10th** day of **June, 2017**, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS; the Kiowa District Legislature is vested with the authority to pass laws and resolutions pursuant to Article VI, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe; and

WHEREAS; the Kiowa District Legislature has the responsibility to establish laws that preserve and protect the Kiowa Language; and

WHEREAS; the Kiowa District Legislature is in support of the Kiowa Language Project “A Semantic Grammar of Kiowa”, conduct under NSF/NEH Grant #BCS-1664431, led by Andrew McKenzie; and

WHEREAS; the primary investigator on this project, Andrew McKenzie, is a member of the Kiowa Tribe, and follows in a long family tradition of Kiowa Language Scholarship; and

WHEREAS; this project aims to document the aspects of the meaning of the Kiowa Language (Cauijo:ga/Kawy-tohn-gyah) that have not been thoroughly documented. The investigator and his team will work with native speaker elders, to produce documentation that will document many of the intricate concepts encoded by Kiowa words and word-building processes; and

WHEREAS; the teaching of the language will require teachers who can express these concepts, and these teachers will be able to rely on the materials produced by this project. The investigator will regularly interact with Kiowa language teachers, hosting annual workshops and sharing materials, to ensure that the results fit the teachers needs; and

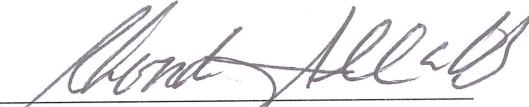
WHEREAS; this project will also lead the way in the field of language documentation, spurring other tribes to follow the Kiowa example. It promises to lead to a number of interesting discoveries about language in general, especially in languages like Kiowa that rely on complex word-building more than English-style languages; and

WHEREAS; this project meets the Kiowa Tribe’s prevailing social and cultural standards and protects the best interest of the community; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE IT RESOLVED; that the Legislature hereby enacts the Kiowa Language Project “A Semantic Grammar of Kiowa”;

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution **KL-CY-2017-005**, was duly voted upon by the Legislature on **10th** day of **June 2017**, at a Session with a vote of (**5**) in favor and (**0**) opposed, (**0**) abstaining, and (**0**) absent, pursuant to the authority vested in the Legislature by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe.



Rhonda J. Ahhaitty
Secretary of the Legislature

