



KIOWA TRIBE

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KIOWA TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. KL-CY-2019-007

THE KIOWA TRIBE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACT OF 2019

At a duly called session of the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe held this 9th day of March, 2019, the following Resolution and Law were adopted.

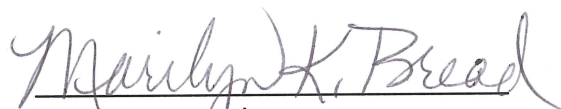
WHEREAS: the Legislature is vested with the authority to pass laws and resolutions pursuant to Article VI, section 6(a) of the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe; and,

WHEREAS: the Legislature hereby finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to establish a Department of Veterans Affairs to assist Kiowa Tribe Veterans and their families in providing the highest quality support and care.

NOW THEREFOR IT BE RESOLVED: that the Legislature hereby enacts the attached law entitled, "The Kiowa Tribe Department of Veterans Affairs Establishment Act of 2019".

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution KL-CY-2019-007, was duly voted upon by the Legislature on March 9th, 2019, at a Session with a vote of (7) 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.


Marilyn K. Bread
Speaker of the Legislature



LEGISLATURE - RESOLUTION NO. KL-CY-2019-007:

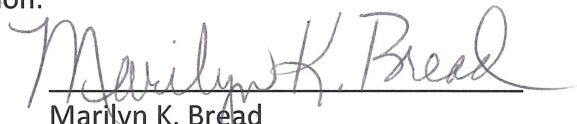
SPONSOR: Angela Chaddlesone, District #1 Legislator

CO-SPONSOR(S): Jessie Svitak, District #4 Legislator

LEGISLATORS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angela McCarthy District #1	X			
Michael Primus District #2	X			
Marilyn K. Bread District #3	X			
Jessie Svitak District #4	X			
Anita Johnson District #5	X			
Ben Wolf District #6	X			
Modina Waters District #7	X			

DELIVERY OF THE RESOLUTION AND LAW TO THE CHAIRMAN

Resolution No. KL-CY-2019-007 was presented to the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe on the ____ day of March, 2019, pursuant to the Article VI, Section 8(a)(iv) of the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, and will become effective after signature by the Chairman or veto override by the Legislature, and as otherwise required by the Constitution.


Marilyn K. Bread
Speaker of the Legislature


CHAIRMAN'S ACTION:

APPROVED

VETO - RETURNED TO LEGISLATURE WITH EXPLANATION:

Sec. 1.4(c) Wording should be under the direction of the Chairman
- report or notify Chairman not speaker of all grants
apps. submitted on behalf of the tribe
Section 1.5(a) - funding should be available.

On this 4th day of April, 2019.



Matthew M. Komalty, Chairman
Kiowa tribe

Presented by the Chairman to the Legislature on the ____ day of March, 2019.

LEGISLATURE'S ACTION:

Override of Chairman's veto:

YES

NO

LEGISLATORS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angela McCarthy District #1				
Michael Primus District #2				
Marilyn K. Bread District #3				
Jessie Svitak District #4				
Anita Johnson District #5				
Ben Wolf District #6				
Modina Waters District #7				

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution KL-CY-2019-007 was duly voted and overridden upon by the Legislative Working Session on _____, 2019, at a meeting with a vote of () in favor and () opposed, and () abstaining pursuant to the authority vested in the Legislature by the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe.

Marilyn K. Bread
Speaker of the Legislature

Section 1.1 Short Title

This enactment shall be known as “The Kiowa Tribe Department of Veterans Affairs Establishment Act of 2019” (“Act”).

Section 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to establish a Department of Veterans Affairs within the Kiowa Tribe to assist our Tribal Veterans and their families with filing claims, applying for benefits, outreach services for our homeless Veterans and researching and applying for grants related to these types of services.

Section 1.3 Findings

The Legislature has identified the need to develop a Department of Veterans Affairs to address the needs of our Tribal Veterans. This Department will work in conjunction with the U.S. and State of Oklahoma Departments of Veterans Affairs as well as other state and tribal agencies to locate additional services which will benefit our Tribal Veterans with their immediate and long-term needs.

Section 1.4 Kiowa Tribe Department of Veterans Affairs Office

(a) There is hereby established the Kiowa Tribe Department of Veterans Affairs Office, which shall be known as the Veterans Office (“Veterans Office”). The Veterans Office will be located within the Executive Branch of government. The Veterans Office shall consist of a director (1) Additional Administrative Staff and counselors will be added as necessary.

(b) The Veterans Office shall be responsible for identifying and addressing the needs of our Veterans and their families by assisting them with filing claims for benefits, locating resources for housing needs, medical and psychological services, death benefits for widows, long-term healthcare facilities at VA centers and any other topics identified by the Chairman and his designee.

(c) The Veterans Office shall work in conjunction with the Tribal Grant Writer to identify grant opportunities available to the Tribe and the Department of Veterans Affairs with the preparation and submission of the grant applications. The Veterans Office shall notify the Speaker of the Legislature in writing and in a timely matter of all grant applications prepared and submitted on behalf of the Tribe.

1.5 FUNDING

(a) The Legislature hereby authorizes \$100,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs Office, subject for approval of such funds by the voters in an annual budget or budget modification.