



# KIOWA TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. KL-CY-2020-0003

### KIOWA LANGUAGE TEACHER CREDENTIALING BOARD ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF 2020

At a duly called Session of the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe held 14th day of March 2020, the following Resolution and Law was 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;** Article VI, Section 6(i) of the Constitution vests the power in the Legislature to establish Executive Boards, Members of all Boards shall be nominated by the Chairman, subject to the confirmation of the Legislature; and,

**WHEREAS;** The Legislature recognizes that the Kiowa Language is severely endangered with less than 15 fluent speakers remaining. It is the responsibility of the Kiowa Tribe to assist the Kiowa Language Program in the retention of Kiowa Language and Culture; and,

**WHEREAS;** The Kiowa Tribe has been funded an Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant, “The Kiowa Language and Culture Revitalization Program” (“KLCRP”), and one outcome for this grant is to establish a certification process (“Board”) in order to initiate Kiowa language for world language credit in the Oklahoma Public Schools.

**WHEREAS;** The Legislature has identified the need to establish a Kiowa Language Teacher Credentialing Board to assist the Kiowa Language Program with its certification process of Kiowa Language Teachers. The mission of the Board is to certify qualified Kiowa Language teachers, in order for Kiowa language to be taught in Oklahoma public schools for world language credit.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** that the Legislature hereby enacts the attached law entitled, “KIOWA LANGUAGE TEACHER CREDENTIALING BOARD ESTABLISHMENT ACT OF 2020”.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing **Resolution KL-CY-2020-0003**, was duly voted upon at a duly called Regular Session **XXXV** of the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe held this **14th** day of **March 2020**, the following Resolution and Law were adopted, with a vote of ( 7 ) in favor, and ( 0 ) opposed, ( 0 ) abstain, and ( 0 ) absent

  
 Anita Johnson, District #5 Legislator  
 Secretary of the Legislature *5/25/2020*

**LEGISLATURE – RESOLUTION NUMBER: KL-CY-2020-003**

**SPONSER:** Modina Waters, District #7 of the Kiowa Tribe Legislature.

**CO-SPONSER(S):**

LEGISLATORS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angela McCarthy District #1	X			
Michael Primus District #2	X			
Marilyn Bread District #3	X			
Jesse Stivak 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-2020-0003, was presented to the Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe on the 15 day of May 2020, 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.

 5/25/2020

**Anita Johnson, District #5  
Secretary of the Legislature**

**CHAIRMAN’S ACTION:**

APPROVED

VETO – RETURNED TO LEGISLATURE WITH EXPLANATION:

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On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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**Matthew M. Komalty  
Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe**

Presented by the Chairman to the Legislature on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**LEGISLATURE’S ACTION:**

**Override of Chairman’s veto:**

YES

NO

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

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution KL-CY-2020-0003, was duly voted upon at a duly called Override Session of the Legislature of the Kiowa Tribe held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020, the following Resolution and Law were adopted, with a vote of ( ) in favor, and ( ) opposed, ( ) abstain, and ( ) absent

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**Anita Johnson, District #5/Secretary**  
**Kiowa Tribe Legislature**



**Section 1.1**      **Short Title**

This Enactment shall be known as the, “Kiowa Language Teacher Credentialing Board Establishment Act of 2020” (“Act”).

**Section 1.2**      **Purpose**

The purpose of this act is to establish a Kiowa Language Teacher Credentialing Board to assist the Kiowa Language Program with its certification process of Kiowa Language Teachers in conjunction with the Kiowa Language and Culture Revitalization Program. The mission of the Board is to certify qualified Kiowa Language teachers, in order for Kiowa language to be taught in Oklahoma public schools for world language credit.

**Section 1.3**      **Findings**

- a. The Legislature finds that promoting Kiowa language will benefit Kiowa Tribal members by assisting the Kiowa Tribe with the retention of Kiowa culture through Kiowa language.
- b. The Legislature finds it is the responsibility of the Kiowa Tribe to develop a desire to learn the Kiowa language within the Kiowa youth population as the Kiowa language is severely endangered with less than 15 fluent speakers remaining, therefore:
- c. The Legislature finds it is important to offer Kiowa Language as a world language credit within the Oklahoma public school setting because it will allow the maximum number of Kiowa children access to learn the Kiowa language since the majority of Kiowa children attend Oklahoma public schools.
- d. The Legislature understands that the Oklahoma State Department of Education would like to incorporate Kiowa language as a World Language in the Oklahoma Public Schools and that the Oklahoma State Department of Education will only allow the Kiowa Tribe to officially certify teachers to teach Kiowa language for world language credit, therefore:
- e. The Legislature has identified a need to develop a Kiowa Language Teacher Credentialing Board in order to certify Kiowa language teachers to teach Kiowa Language in the Public Schools of Oklahoma.

- f. The Legislature has found and strongly suggests that the Chairman nominate Kiowa individuals to serve on this first Board; with confirmation by the Legislature based on the nominee's qualification requirements, therefore:
- g. The Legislature finds that due to the importance of this Board, individuals are receptive to initiate and implement the First Kiowa Language Teacher Credentialing Board based on their extensive Kiowa teaching experience and expertise in the field in Kiowa 2<sup>nd</sup> language acquisition:
- h. The Board shall consist of fluent enrolled tribal members for the purpose of meeting the world language credentialing requirement to certify Kiowa language teachers:
- One will be, a Kiowa first language speaker and certified teacher and current mentor with KLCRP;
  - One will be, a Kiowa first language speaker and current Kiowa language instructor with the University of Oklahoma;
  - One will be, a Kiowa first language speaker and current Kiowa language instructor with the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and current mentor with the KLCRP;
  - One will be, a Kiowa language doctoral linguist and designer of the Kiowa language program at the University of Oklahoma and Kiowa 2<sup>nd</sup> language speaker and Kiowa language professor;
  - One will be, a current instructor of Kiowa language at the University of Oklahoma with an emphasis in Kiowa 2<sup>nd</sup> language acquisition and curriculum development and current teacher candidate with the KLCRP.
- i. Article VI, Section 6(i) of the Constitution vests the power in the Legislature to establish Executive Boards, and all Members of all Boards shall be nominated by the Chairman, subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

**Section 1.4      Establishment of the Kiowa Language Teacher Credentialing Board.**

- a. The Legislature hereby establishes the Kiowa Language Teacher Credentialing Board comprised of five (5) Board Members selected by the Chairman and confirmation by the Legislature.
- b. The initial Board shall consist of five (5) Kiowa Tribal members. The first established Board will consist of three (3) Kiowa First Language Speakers, one (1) Member of the Board shall be a liaison to the Kiowa Language Program and one Member of the Board shall hold at least a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in education or language acquisition.
- c. Each Board Member shall serve until they decide to retire and they will suggest their successor.

**Section 1.5**     **Duties and Responsibilities of the Kiowa Language Teacher Credentialing Board.**

- a. The initial Board shall assist the Kiowa Language Program with its teacher credentialing assessments.
- b. The initial Board will meet to determine what type of assessments it will administer and how often the Board will assess teacher candidates.
- c. The initial Board will retain the responsibility of selecting qualified teachers of the Kiowa language and will be the sole responsible party of the Kiowa Tribe for certifying Kiowa Language teachers to teach Kiowa Language for World Language credit with the Oklahoma State Department of Education.
- d. The initial Board is to be paid a meeting fee of, **\$300.00 (three hundred)** from the KLCRP budget.
- e. The initial Board is to be reimbursed for mileage to and from official meetings from the KLCRP budget.