

NINTH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MAY 18, 2022  
LCR, CONCHO, OK

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**RESOLUTION:** A Resolution to Appropriate \$1,200,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Elder Care Disaster Relief for tribal elders 62 years and older.

**RESOLUTION NO:** 9L-SS-2022-0518-001  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** May 12, 2022  
**SPONSOR:** Travis Ruiz, A3 District  
**CO-SPONSOR:** Diane Willis, A1 District

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**SUBJECT:** A Resolution to Appropriate \$1,200,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Elder Care Disaster Relief for tribal elders 62 years and older

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to a Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution provides that Legislative power shall reside with the Legislature; and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the “power to make all laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes;” and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 5(d) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature shall have the power to raise revenue and appropriate funds for expenditure; and

**WHEREAS:** Congress passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and was signed by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021; and

**WHEREAS:** The ARP Act provides additional funding to Tribes under Subtitle M of the Act in helping Tribal governments to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes received confirmation as its pro rata enrollment allocation for the first stage is calculated to be \$61,781,945.09

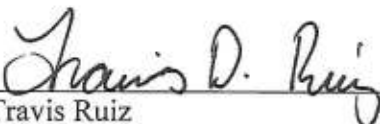
million dollars from the ARP Act under Subtitle M of the Act, to help the Tribes to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS:** The ARP Act must be used specifically to help the Tribes to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and cannot be issued as a Per Capita payment to tribal members; and

**WHEREAS:** The Ninth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes has determined to provide the Elder disaster assistance distribution to or for the benefit of elder tribal members over the age of 62 on a nontaxable basis in accordance with the requirements of the federal Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014, thereby preserving the availability of tribal funds for use in addressing the many anticipated and unanticipated needs of the Tribes and its elder tribal members over the age of 62 during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS:** The Executive Office requests the allocation of these additional funds to be distributed for the health and wellness of our tribal elders 62 years and older. The Elder Care Disaster Relief amount of \$150 will be sent to those tribal elders 62 years and older in addition to and with their next monthly elder payment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Ninth Legislature finds it necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes and hereby approves to appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000.00 for Elder Care Disaster Relief so that each tribal elder over the age of 62 will receive a \$150.00 distribution in addition to their Elder Care payment beginning in June.

  
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Travis Ruiz  
Speaker of the Ninth Legislature  
Ninth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

**ATTEST:**

I, Jodi White Buffalo, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Staff, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Bill No. 9L-SS-2022-0518-001 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Ninth Legislature Special Session, by a roll call vote on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022, by a vote.

**VOTE RECORD:**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
A1	Diane Willis	✓			
A2	Kendricks Sleeper	✓			
A3	Travis Ruiz	✓			
A4	Rector Candy	✓			
C1	Bruce Whiteman	✓			
C2	George Woods	✓			
C3	Darrell Flyingman	✓			
C4	Byron Byrd	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8</b>			
Passes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fails ( ) Tabled ( ) Allowed to Die ( ) No Action ( )					

Jodi White Buffalo  
Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk  
Ninth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:**

**From the Legislative Branch to the Executive Branch**

True and Accurate Original Resolution No. 9L-SS-2022-0518-001 was submitted and received by the Governor's Office of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock AM/PM.

**ATTEST:**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(iv) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: "All Bills passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for signature or veto."

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 4, subsection (g) of the Tribes Constitution reads: "The Governor shall have the power to sign any enactment passed by the Legislature into law or to veto any enactment passed by the Legislature within ten (10) days of passage with a written explanation of any objections; and if the Governor takes no action within ten (10) days, then the enactment shall become law in accordance with this Constitution."

APPROVED

VETOED: Attachment \_\_\_\_; Governor's written explanation of any objections.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.



Reggie Wassana, Governor  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**No action required, because the Bill/Resolution failed to pass the Legislature.**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk  
Ninth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

**VETO OVERRIDE:**

**ATTEST:**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5, subsection (b) reads: “The Legislature shall have the power to override an Executive veto by a vote of at least six (6) Legislators.”

**VOTE RECORD:**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
A1	Diane Willis				
A2	Kendricks Sleeper				
A3	Travis Ruiz				
A4	Rector Candy				
C1	Bruce Whiteman				
C2	George Woods				
C3	Darrell Flyingman				
C4	Byron Byrd				
<b>TOTAL</b>					
<b>Passes ( ) Fails ( ) Tabled ( ) Allowed to Die ( ) No Action ( )</b>					

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Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk  
Ninth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:  
From the Legislative Branch to the Tribal Council**

True and Accurate Original Resolution No. 9L-SS-2022-0518-001 was received by the Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 20th day of May, 2022 at 2:00 o'clock AM/PM.

**ATTEST:**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(iv) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: "All laws shall take effect thirty (30) days after signature by the Governor or veto override by the Legislature, unless any Member of the Tribes submits to the Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council a petition signed by at least one hundred fifty (150) Members of the Tribal Council seeking to repeal the law or resolution at the next Tribal Council meeting. If the Tribal Council fails to repeal such law or resolution at the next Tribal Council where the matter has been properly placed on the agenda for the Tribal Council meeting, such law or resolution shall become effective immediately."

ACCEPT  
 REQUEST TO REPEAL BY TRIBAL COUNCIL

Date of Tribal Council Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Printed Name: Jennifer Baulg  
Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: TCC  
Date: 5-20-22  
Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

**Vote Record:**

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOT VOTING	TOTAL

REPEALED: with attached signed Resolution of Repeal;  
 FAILED TO REPEAL;  
 FAILED TO PROPERLY PLACE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING.

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

No action required, because the Bill/Resolution failed to pass the Legislature.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk  
Ninth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:  
From the Legislative Branch to the Judicial Branch**

True and Accurate Original Resolution No. 9L-SS-2022-0518-001 was submitted and received by the Office of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022 at 10:45 o'clock AM/PM.

Printed Name: Charney Wetselline  
Signed Name: C.W.  
Title: Court Administrator  
Date: 5/23/22  
Office of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:**

**From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management**

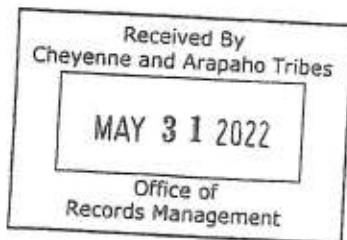
**ATTEST:**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(v), of the Tribes Constitution reads, "The Office of Records Management shall compile all Laws and Resolutions into a comprehensive Code in an orderly manner that shall be published annually."

Office of Records Management Staff, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Original Resolution No. 9L-SS-2022-0518-001.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Printed Name: Cheryl Blind  
Signed Name: Cheryl Blind  
Title: Director  
Date: 5/31/22  
Office of Records Management  
Department of Administration, Executive Branch  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:**

**From the Office of Records Management to the Legislative Branch**

**ATTEST:**

Office of Records Management Staff, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of Original Resolution No. 9L-SS-2022-0518-001.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

True & Accurate

Copy of Original

True & Accurate  
Copy of Original

Printed Name: Cheryl Blind  
Signed Name: Cheryl Blind  
Title: Director  
Date: 5/31/22  
Office of Records Management  
Department of Administration, Executive Branch  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Legislative Staff hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of Original Resolution No. 9L-SS-2022-0518-001.

Printed Name: Jodi White Buffalo  
Signed Name: Jodi White Buffalo  
Title: Legislative Clerk  
Date: 5-31-22  
Ninth Legislature, Legislative Staff  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes