RESOLUTION: A Resolution to appropriate Tax Commission funds for the construction of the Geary Lucky Star Travel Center and Casino.

RESOLUTION NO: 9L-SS-2022-1027-004
DATE INTRODUCED: October 20, 2022
SPONSOR: Travis Ruiz, Arapaho District 3
CO-SPONSOR: Bruce Whiteman, Jr., Cheyenne District 1

SUBJECT: A Resolution to appropriate Tax Commission funds for the construction of the Geary Lucky Star Travel Center and Casino.

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 VII, Section 4(d) of the Constitution requires that the Legislature or Tribal Council give prior authorization for the signing of contracts by the Governor; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes long term Economic Development plans have always included getting the Rodeo Joes property into trust and expanding the Tribes economic development businesses; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes have decided that the Rodeo Joes property is prime property that is located on Interstate 40 and that the construction of the Geary Lucky Star Travel Center and Casino is ripe for constructing a new travel center and casino; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the construction is to expand the Tribes Lucky Star Travel Center and Casino footprint throughout western Oklahoma and will include a state of the art 7500 square foot travel center and casino with up to 100 slot machines, four kiosk gas pumps, (2 pumps each), six diesel kiosk (1 pump each), 30 seat restaurant/cafeteria, drive thru smoke shop, truckers lounge, guest laundry, paved parking for 100 vehicles, dedicated trav plaza parking for 25 vehicles and overnight parking for commercial vehicles, 10 dedicated overnight RV parking spaces with electric hookups and free Wi-Fi; and
WHEREAS: The proposed overall cost of the Geary Lucky Star Travel Center and Casino construction is currently budgeted not to exceed $21,000,000; and

WHEREAS: The Tribes would like to seek approval from the Legislature to appropriate an amount up to but not to exceed $5,000,000 for the construction of the Geary Lucky Star Travel Center and Casino; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Ninth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes does hereby appropriate Tax Commission funds in an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 for the leveraging costs that will include architectural, engineering, design, infrastructure and construction; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Ninth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes authorize Governor Reggie Wassana of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to sign all contracts and related documents for the construction of the Geary Lucky Star Travel Center and Casino.

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

I, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Bill No. 9L-SS-2022-1027-004 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Ninth Legislature Regular Session, by a roll call vote on the 27th day of October 2022, by a vote.

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Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk
Ninth Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
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. All laws shall take effect thirty 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 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.”

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 days of passage with a written explanation of any objections; and if the Governor takes no action within ten days, then the enactment shall become law in accordance with this Constitution.”

{✓} APPROVED
{ } VETOED: Attachment __; Governor’s written explanation of any objections.

On the 27th day of October, 2022.

Reggie Wassana, Governor
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-2022-1027-004.
Space below is reserved for Stamp:
Received (Date) Office of Record Management

Signature: 
Print Name: Uriana Ortégg
Title: Records Clerk
Date: 10/28/22

Office of Records Management
Department of Administration, Executive Branch
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes