

NINTH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES  
REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 12, 2022  
LCR, CONCHO, OK

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**RESOLUTION:** A Resolution to Amend Legislative Procedures Governing the Dates, Times, Location, and Frequency of Working Sessions and Public Hearings.

**RESOLUTION NO:** 9L-RS-2022-11-001  
**DATE INTRODUCED:** October 5, 2022  
**SPONSOR:** Travis Ruiz, Arapaho District 3  
**CO-SPONSOR:** Diane Willis, Arapaho District 1

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**SUBJECT:** A Resolution to Amend Legislative Procedures Governing the Dates, Times, Location, and Frequency of Working Sessions and Public Hearings.

**WHEREAS:** The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are duly recognized by the United States Secretary of the Interior as a self-governing, Sovereign Nation, that is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges, and powers attended thereto as a sovereign government, and organized in accordance with Title 25 of the United States Code, Section 450, the “Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act,” and Article XVII of the Tribe’s Constitution and By-Laws and Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), under an amended Constitution ratified on August, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of Interior on May 17, 2006; and

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

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

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 7(a)(i) of the Constitution requires that all Bills shall include a statement identifying the specific law, if any, to be superseded, repealed, or amended; and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 7(a)(ii) of the Constitution states that “[a]ll Bills shall be made the subject of a public legislative hearing prior to action on the Bill”; and

**WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 7(a)(i) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to set its own procedures consistent with this Constitution; and

**WHEREAS:** The Eighth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes passed Resolution 8L-RS-2021-09-007, which adopted Legislative Procedures that sets the time, date,

frequency, and location of Public Hearings and Working Sessions to be held by the Legislature. In regard to these matters, the current Legislative Procedures state the following:

***Working Sessions for a Regular Session***

*The Speaker will set the time, date, and location.*

*Working Sessions will start at 10:30a.m. every Tuesday, except the week after the Regular Session.*

***Public Hearings for a Regular Session***

*The Constitution requires that all Bills shall be made the subject of a public legislative hearing prior to action on the Bill.*

*Public Hearings will start at 10:00 a.m. every Thursday, except the week after the Regular Session.*

**WHEREAS:** The Ninth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby amends the aforementioned language in 8L-RS-2021-09-007 to state the following:

***Working Sessions for a Regular Session***

*(a) The Speaker will set the time, date, and location of Working Sessions for a Regular Session.*

*(b) The Speaker shall have the discretion to set the number of Working Sessions, if any, to be held for a Regular Session.*

*(c) A Working Session may be called by five members of the Legislature submitting a written request to the Speaker that includes the proposed time, date, and location.*

***Public Hearings for a Regular Session***

*(a) Article VI, Section 7(a)(ii) of the Constitution states that “[a]ll Bills shall be made the subject of a public legislative hearing prior to action on the Bill.”*

*(b) The Speaker shall set the time, date, and location of the Public Hearing for each Regular Session.*

*(c) The time, date, and location of the Public Hearing for each Regular Session shall be published at least five calendar days in advance.*

*(d) Nothing within this provision shall prevent the Speaker from calling more than one Public Hearing for a Regular Session.*

*(e) A Public Hearing for a Regular Session may be called by five members of the Legislature submitting a written request to the Speaker that includes the proposed time, date, and location.*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ninth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby adopts the above-stated amendments to 8L-RS-2021-09-007.

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Travis Ruiz  
Speaker of the Ninth Legislature  
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-RS-2022-11-001 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 12th day of November 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 Jr.				
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



**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 (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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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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-RS-2022-11-001.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

