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A RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article XI, Section 1, provides that amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee believes it is in the best interest of the Comanche Nation for Tribal Council voters to consider amending the Constitution to provide remove timeline restrictions on elections to allow for repeat election in case of serious irregularities, to clarify the procedures for recalls, to move the start time of the Annual Meeting, and for the other purposes stated in proposed Amendments A, B, and C, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Section 505(d)(4) of the Election Ordinance provides that the Comanche Business Committee has authority to elect to hold an election to amend the constitution concurrently with any other election; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 General Election is currently scheduled for May 16, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee hereby proposes the amendments to the Constitution attached hereto as Amendment A, Amendment B, and Amendment C; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the election concerning these elections shall be held as part of the 2026 General Election.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the ___ day of _____, 2026, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Benny Tahmahkera, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer

AMENDMENT A

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<i>Current language</i>	<i>Proposed to be amended as follows:</i>
<p>ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> At each annual Comanche Tribal Council meeting subsequent to the first election of officers and business committeemen, under this constitution, candidates will be nominated to compete for election to offices being vacated by reason of expiration of term of office.</p> <p>***</p> <p><i>(c) No election shall be held later than 60 days after the annual meeting. Because a valid election was not completed by the Comanche Nation within sixty (60) days after the 1980 Annual Meeting, the Anadarko Agency is authorized to conduct one (1) election for the tribe pursuant to rules and regulations as prescribed by the Anadarko Agency. The Anadarko Agency is further authorized to notice, call, and conduct a special meeting of the Comanche Tribe Council for the sole purpose of nominating candidates for the vacant or expired positions that will be filled pursuant to the election.</i></p> <p>***</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> At each annual Comanche Tribal Council meeting subsequent to the first election of officers and business committeemen, under this constitution, candidates will be nominated to compete for election to offices being vacated by reason of expiration of term of office.</p> <p>***</p>
<p>ARTICLE VIII – VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> If a committeeman or officer or other official elected by the Tribal Council of the tribe shall die or resign, be removed or recalled from office, his office shall be deemed vacant and there shall be a Special Election held pursuant to the Election Ordinance. Whoever wishes to run for office in a Special Election, shall nominate</p>	<p>ARTICLE VIII – VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE</p> <p><u>Section 1.</u> If a committeeman or officer or other official elected by the Tribal Council of the tribe shall die or resign, be removed or recalled from office, his office shall be deemed vacant and there shall be a Special Election held pursuant to the Election Ordinance. Whoever wishes to run for office in a Special Election, shall nominate themselves as set forth in the Election Ordinance.</p>

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AMENDMENT B

<i>Current language</i>	<i>Proposed to be amended as follows:</i>
<p>ARTICLE X — BILL OF RIGHTS</p> <p>* * *</p> <p><u>Section 5.</u> Except for the recall petition fee <i>provided for in Article VIII, Section 2(b)(5) (as amended)</i>, no charge or filing fee shall be imposed upon any tribal member in connection with the right to petition which are provided for in this constitution. No person or committee shall be authorized to deny any tribal member the right to petition.</p>	<p>ARTICLE X — BILL OF RIGHTS</p> <p>* * *</p> <p><u>Section 5.</u> Except for <i>a</i> recall petition fee, no charge or filing fee shall be imposed upon any tribal member in connection with the right to petition which are provided for in this constitution. No person or committee shall be authorized to deny any tribal member the right to petition.</p>

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AMENDMENT C

<i>Current language</i>	<i>Proposed to be amended as follows:</i>
<p>ARTICLE V – TRIBAL COUNCIL/POWERS CLAUSE</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> There shall be an annual meeting of the tribal council on the third Saturday in April of each year at 1:30 p.m. at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, or such other place as the business committee shall determine, for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Program Reports.(b) Take Nominations.(c) Presentation of Annual Budget.	<p>ARTICLE V – TRIBAL COUNCIL/POWERS CLAUSE</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> There shall be an annual meeting of the tribal council on the third Saturday in April of each year at <i>10:00 am or as soon as quorum is reached</i> at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, or such other place as the business committee shall determine, for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Program Reports.(b) Take Nominations.(c) Presentation of Annual Budget.