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RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COMANCHE NATION'S COMMITMENT TO INCREASING CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND VOTER ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution 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 tradition of tribal sovereignty, since time immemorial, predates the existence of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and establishes inherent sovereign powers and rights to self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution Article V, Section 1 provides that the Comanche Tribal Council is the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has among the lowest voter turnout rates in the nation, and Comanche County, where the Comanche Nation is located, recorded the lowest turnout rate in the state— and among the lowest in the country— during the 2022 and 2024 general elections; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans remain underrepresented at every level of government; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma maintains restrictive voter registration policies and barriers that have contributed to reduced civic participation; and

WHEREAS, every eligible Comanche voter has the right to participate in elections that impact their daily lives.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Comanche Nation affirms its commitment to increase civic participation among its citizens for both tribal and general elections; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Comanche Nation Election Board shall provide nonpartisan voter education to Tribal members; and voter registration opportunities shall be made available at Tribal events; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Enrollment Office shall make voter registration forms available at the time of enrollment for members who are at least seventeen and one-half (17.5) years of age, with all completed applications to be submitted in accordance with applicable law.

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The foregoing resolution was adopted and passed by a referendum vote at large by the Comanche Tribal Council by a General Election held on **May 16, 2026**, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against.

Forrest Tahdoohnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Benny Tahmahkera, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer



**A COMANCHE TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN
ACTIONS RELATED TO FINANCING THE COMANCHE NATION CASINO
PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, the tradition of tribal sovereignty, since time immemorial, predates the existence of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and establishes inherent sovereign powers and rights of Comanche self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution Article V, Section 1 provides that the Comanche Tribal Council is the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee (CBC) is authorized to conduct business for and on behalf of the Nation pursuant to Article VI, Section 7(c) of the Nation's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Comanche Nation Resolution No. 122-2024 assigned to the Comanche Nation Entertainment CEO, together with the CBC and Natural Resources Director, the duty to implement its priority plan, including improvements to Comanche Nation Casino; and

WHEREAS, Comanche Nation Resolution No. 57-2025 directed Comanche Nation Entertainment to solicit and obtain financing for, among other things, various projects proposed for Comanche Nation Casino; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Entertainment CEO and the Gaming Board of Directors (Board) have determined that expansion of the Comanche Nation Casino and related operations, including construction of an Event Center and Hotel (the "Comanche Nation Casino Project") will require financing of up to one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000); and

WHEREAS, TC 06-2024 requires that the Tribal Council approve any waiver of sovereign immunity in excess of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000); and

WHEREAS, Comanche Nation Resolution No. 120-2020 requires any person engaged in commerce within the Nation's jurisdiction, including building, maintenance, construction, transportation, and provision of services, to pay a TERO tax on the value of their contract; and

WHEREAS, application of the Nation's TERO tax to the Comanche Nation Casino Project will substantially increase the cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Entertainment CEO and Board have determined that the proposed investment is necessary for the Comanche Nation Casino to remain competitive in the current gaming market; and

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WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Entertainment CEO and Board have determined that the proposed investment will lead to a return on investment that will significantly exceed the amount of the investment; and

WHEREAS, the CBC has been kept apprised of the status and development of the Comanche Nation Casino Project and has determined that the Comanche Nation Casino Project is beneficial to the Nation's gaming operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council expressly authorizes the CBC and Comanche Nation Gaming Board of Directors to agree to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the purposes of securing up to \$125,000,000 in financing for the Comanche Nation Casino Project and refinancing such loan as the Board deems appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby exempts contracts related to the Comanche Nation Casino Project from the TERO Tax and directs the Tax Administrator to take any actions necessary to effectuate such exemptions.

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Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

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A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMANCHE BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE AMENDING THE REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR A LIMITED BITCOIN DIVERSIFICATION POLICY FOR MINORS

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 tradition of tribal sovereignty, since time immemorial, predates the existence of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and establishes inherent sovereign powers and rights of Comanche self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution Article V, Section 1 provides that the Comanche Tribal Council is the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation administers funds held in trust for minor citizens pursuant to its Revenue Allocation Plan, in accordance with applicable federal law, including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, with a fiduciary responsibility to preserve and protect such funds for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Allocation Plan establishes that per capita payments for enrolled minors shall be deposited into a Minor Trust Account for the purpose of providing for the future safety, education, welfare, maintenance, and support of the children of tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Allocation Plan further provides that such funds shall be maintained in “low-risk interest-bearing Trust Account in Federally Insured Financial Institution or in a direct obligatory of the United States Government or in funds invested solely in the United State[s] Government Funds.”

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WHEREAS, the prudent management of trust funds for minors requires a careful balance between capital preservation, long-term growth, and diversification of assets, consistent with the intent and protections established in the Revenue Allocation Plan; and

WHEREAS, digital financial systems and blockchain-based technologies are increasingly shaping how value is transferred, recorded, and managed within the global economy, influencing modern portfolio construction and financial infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, adoption of digital assets by both institutional and retail participants has expanded in recent years, alongside increasing engagement from policymakers and evolving regulatory frameworks; and

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WHEREAS, digital assets such as Bitcoin have emerged as a distinct asset class that may serve a limited role within diversified investment strategies when applied in a measured and controlled manner; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation seeks to responsibly evaluate evolving financial tools and strategies while maintaining its commitment to low-risk management, fiduciary responsibility, and the long-term protection of trust assets for minor citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation intends to ensure that any inclusion of Bitcoin in such trust funds remains subordinate to the primary requirement of capital preservation and is implemented only in a limited and carefully controlled manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Tribal Council hereby directs the Comanche Business Committee to investigate the lawfulness of amending the Revenue Allocation Plan to allow for a **Limited Bitcoin Diversification Policy** within trust funds established for minor Comanche citizens under the Revenue Allocation Plan that complies with the following limitations and safeguards:

1. Allocation Cap Investment in Bitcoin shall not exceed **two percent (2%)** of the total value of any individual minor trust fund portfolio at the time of allocation.

2. Preservation of Low-Risk Framework The substantial majority of each minor trust account shall remain invested in low-risk, capital-preserving, interest-bearing instruments consistent with the requirements and intent of the Revenue Allocation Plan.

3. Fiduciary Oversight All Bitcoin investments shall be managed in accordance with strict fiduciary standards and administered by the appropriate tribal financial authority, trustee, investment committee, or designated fiduciary body.

4. Consistency with Trust Purpose All investment decisions shall prioritize the long-term safety, education, welfare, maintenance, and support of minor beneficiaries, consistent with the governing trust provisions.

5. Periodic Review and Adjustment The allocation and performance of Bitcoin investments shall be reviewed on a regular basis, and the Comanche Nation reserves the authority to reduce, suspend, or eliminate such investments as necessary to protect the interests of minor beneficiaries.

6. Security and Custody Requirements Any Bitcoin held within trust funds shall be maintained using secure, institutionally recognized custody solutions consistent with fiduciary obligations and industry standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon completion of such investigation, the Comanche Business Committee shall present its findings and conclusions to the Tribal Council; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if the Comanche Business Committee concludes that such amendment to the Revenue Allocation Plan would be lawful, the Comanche Business Committee shall prepare and submit to the Tribal Council a proposed resolution amending the Revenue Allocation Plan to include a Limited Bitcoin Diversification Policy in substantial compliance with the foregoing limitations and safeguards, subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

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Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Benny Tahmahkera, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer



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RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE LAND STEWARDSHIP, RIGHTS OF NATURE, OUTDOOR ACCESS AND RECREATION, CONSERVATION, AND CULTURAL CONTINUITY

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 tradition of tribal sovereignty, since time immemorial, predates the existence of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and establishes inherent sovereign powers and rights of Comanche self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution Article V, Section 1 provides that the Comanche Tribal Council is the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, ARTICLE VI, Section 7(e) authorizes the development of programs supporting employment, health, education, public relations, social, recreational, and historical activities of the tribe; and

WHEREAS, ARTICLE VI, Section 7(j) authorizes the promulgation and enforcement of ordinances to protect the peace, health, safety, and general welfare on lands within Comanche jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Comanche bands have long carried names tied to the plants, animals, and lifeways of the places they lived, reflecting a relationship between people, land, and movement across the landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation holds a responsibility to care for land, water, air, plants, animals, and the places that carry memory, ceremony, livelihood, and identity for those who come after us; and

WHEREAS, the health of the people is bound to the health of the land, and access to safe, meaningful outdoor spaces supports physical health, cultural transmission, youth development, gathering, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation and neighboring communities have witnessed the impacts of extractive industries and environmental degradation on lands and waters that sustain life, culture, and identity, and these experiences call for renewed commitment to protection, restoration, and responsible stewardship; and



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WHEREAS, while the Constitution provides authority for governance, health, and community well-being, there is an opportunity to further articulate the Nation's relationship and responsibility to land, water, and the natural world through policy and planning; and

WHEREAS, tribal nations across Indian Country have adopted strong land and environmental language through constitutions, foundational laws, resolutions, and codes, including:

- the Tohono O'odham Nation Constitution, which includes a Water Policy and Environmental Policy protecting lands, air, water, flora, fauna, ecological systems, historic and cultural resources, and the responsibilities of each generation as trustee for succeeding generations;
- the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Constitution, which authorizes safeguards for property and resources for present and future generations;
- the White Earth 1855 Treaty Authority, which adopted the Rights of Manoomin and a Right to Travel, Use and Occupy Traditional Lands and Waters framework;
- the Navajo Nation Fundamental Laws, which state that it is the duty and responsibility of the Diné to protect and preserve the beauty of the natural world for future generations;

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation has an opportunity to affirm a stronger land ethic that joins stewardship, conservation, outdoor access, cultural continuity, and future generations in one direction-setting policy; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to guide future planning, budgeting, ordinances, partnerships, and project development, including but not limited to parks, trails, ceremonial grounds, open space, habitat restoration, water protection, and cultural landscape planning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council affirms that land, water, air, plants, and animals are not merely resources, but relations to which the Nation owes respect, reciprocity, care, and long-term stewardship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council recognizes the importance of a Rights of Nature approach as a guiding principle for future Comanche Nation law and policy, including the recognition that ecosystems and culturally significant species have the right to exist, flourish, regenerate, and be protected from substantial harm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nation supports greater community access to the outdoors and outdoor recreation, including trails, gathering spaces, youth and family outdoor experiences, culturally grounded recreation, and safe access to lands and waters in ways that honor Comanche values and ecological limits.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nation supports conservation and restoration efforts that protect water, native plants, wildlife, soils, habitats, scenic and cultural landscapes, and places of significance for present and future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that outdoor recreation within Comanche Nation planning should not be treated as separate from culture, health, education, and stewardship, but as part of a larger relationship between people and place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council encourages the development of future ordinances, plans, and programs that may include:

1. protection of culturally significant landscapes, viewsheds, gathering places, and traditional use areas;
2. water protection and restoration measures;
3. native habitat and species conservation;
4. youth and elder land-based learning and outdoor access initiatives;
5. trail, park, and open-space planning grounded in Comanche values;
6. accessibility measures so elders, youth, and people with accessibility needs can meaningfully use outdoor spaces;
7. partnership and co-stewardship agreements that respect tribal sovereignty; and
8. annual or multi-year budget priorities tied to conservation, restoration, and outdoor access.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council directs the Comanche Business Committee to work with appropriate offices, departments, committees, and project partners to explore and recommend next-step actions, including draft policy language, implementation priorities, and funding strategies consistent with this Resolution.

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Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Benny Tahmahkera, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACCESS TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP
DOCUMENTATION FOR COMANCHE NATION CITIZENS**

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution 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 tradition of tribal sovereignty, since time immemorial, predates the existence of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and establishes inherent sovereign powers and rights of Comanche self-government; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution Article V, Section 1 provides that the Comanche Tribal Council is the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution determines Tribal citizenship through lineage, which does not verify U.S. citizenship, and current Comanche Nation Tribal identification do not explicitly state a Tribal member is a United States citizen; and

WHEREAS, acceptable proof of United States citizenship for purposes such as encounters with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) includes a valid passport, passport card, or a certified birth certificate with matching identification; and

WHEREAS, for many Comanche Nation citizens, the cost of obtaining passports, passport cards, and certified birth certificates and other documentation is cost prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Enrollment Office is in the process of developing enhanced Tribal identification cards, but such enhancements are not expected to be available for at least two years; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of Comanche Nation citizens is a priority, and access to United States citizenship documentation supports personal security, employment opportunities, travel, voting access, and preparedness in emergency or enforcement situations.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Comanche Nation establish a temporary program administered through the Enrollment Office, in collaboration with the Comanche Election Board and the Finance Office, for a period of up to two (2) years, to provide financial assistance to enrolled Tribal members who are otherwise unable to obtain identification, for the purpose of securing passports, passport cards, certified birth certificates, and other necessary documentation to verify United States citizenship, in accordance with applicable legal requirements; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Comanche Nation set aside \$112,000 annually, for up to two (2) years, to financially assist 10 percent, approximately 1,700 Tribal members, pay for

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passport books, passport cards, certified birth certificates and other required documentation. The maximum support per tribal member would not exceed \$200 per citizen, but unique circumstances would be considered on a case-by-case basis. The budget includes funding for part-time administrative support to implement and manage the program; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the financial support would be through reimbursement of purchase or direct cash services; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Comanche Nation Enrollment Office shall develop and implement a process to incorporate birth certificate verification into enrollment procedures should a citizen want an enhanced identification; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, appropriate language shall be added to Comanche Nation Tribal identification cards to indicate that the identified Tribal member has verified United States citizenship, consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted and passed by a referendum vote at large by the Comanche Tribal Council by a General Election held on **May 16, 2026**, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Benny Tahmahkera, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer



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A RESOLUTION AMENDING TITLE 1 OF THE COMANCHE NATION CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE MANDATORY AWARD OF REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, COURT COSTS, AND LITIGATION EXPENSES TO PREVAILING PETITIONERS IN CIVIL-RIGHTS AND EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS

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 and to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of tribal sovereignty, since time immemorial, predates the existence of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and establishes inherent sovereign powers and rights of Comanche self-government; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1 and Article V, Section 1 of the Comanche Nation Constitution establish the Comanche Tribal Council as the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation and provide that the Tribal Council exercises its authority through duly called elections; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 7(i) of the Comanche Nation Constitution authorizes the Tribal Council to assign additional duties and responsibilities to the Comanche Business Committee by appropriate resolution approved in Tribal Council assembled; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 7(j) of the Comanche Nation Constitution authorizes the Comanche Business Committee to promulgate and enforce ordinances and codes governing law and order to protect the peace, health, safety, and general welfare on land determined to be within Comanche tribal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Title 1, Section 1.04 of the Comanche Nation Code grants the Comanche Nation Tribal Court general civil jurisdiction over civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the Comanche Nation, including tribal common law; and

WHEREAS, Title 1, Section 1.08(B) of the Comanche Nation Code provides that the Comanche Tribal Council retains the exclusive right to waive sovereign immunity in accordance with Comanche Nation law and may delegate such authority only in limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Title 1, Section 1.08(C) of the Comanche Nation Code presently provides that tribal employees, officials, and officers shall not enjoy immunity from suit in an action for declaratory or injunctive relief brought in the Comanche Nation Tribal Courts for the sole purpose of compelling such employee, official, or officer to comply with the Comanche Nation Constitution or Comanche Nation laws, provided such waiver of immunity shall not extend to discretionary actions of such employee, officer, or official or to any claim or judgment for monetary damages, costs or expenses, and all available administrative remedies must have been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.08 presently does not expressly authorize the recovery of attorney fees, court costs, or litigation expenses by a prevailing petitioner in civil-rights or employment-related cases; and

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WHEREAS, under current law, a petitioner may succeed in proving a violation of rights under Comanche Nation law and still not be fully made whole because there is no express provision allowing recovery of attorney fees, court costs, and litigation expenses necessarily incurred to obtain relief; and

WHEREAS, as a practical matter, the absence of a mandatory fee-shifting provision prevents many persons with meritorious civil-rights and employment claims from obtaining legal representation, because they cannot afford counsel and counsel cannot reasonably undertake such matters where fees and litigation expenses are not recoverable; and

WHEREAS, absent such relief, many petitioners are forced to proceed pro se, which undermines fair access to justice and the meaningful enforcement of rights secured by the Comanche Nation Constitution, laws, ordinances, policies, personnel rules, and employment agreements; and

WHEREAS, Title 1, Section 1.10 provides that the Comanche Business Committee has authority to alter, amend, or repeal provisions of the Code or to add new sections to the Code; and

WHEREAS, although Title 1, Section 1.10 delegates authority to amend the Code to the Comanche Business Committee, the Comanche Tribal Council, as the supreme governing body under the Constitution, retains ultimate authority to approve amendments through election, and the role of the Comanche Business Committee following such approval is ministerial and limited to codification and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Tribal Council finds that meaningful enforcement of rights secured by the Comanche Nation Constitution, laws, ordinances, policies, personnel rules, and employment agreements requires a mandatory award of reasonable attorney fees, court costs, and litigation expenses to a prevailing petitioner in appropriate civil-rights and employment actions; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Tribal Council further finds that this Resolution should create only a limited and express waiver of sovereign immunity for that specific purpose, and no broader waiver for damages or for suit in any other forum; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Title 1, Section 1.08(C) of the Comanche Nation Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1.08(C). Tribal employees, officials, and officers shall not enjoy immunity from suit in an action for declaratory or injunctive relief brought in the Comanche Nation Tribal Courts for the sole purpose of compelling such employee, official, or officer to comply with the Comanche Nation Constitution or Comanche Nation laws, provided such waiver of immunity shall not extend to discretionary actions of such employee, officer, or official or to any claim or judgment for monetary damages, costs or expenses, except as expressly authorized in Section 1.08(E), and all available administrative remedies must have been exhausted."



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Title 1 of the Comanche Nation Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section 1.08(E), to read as follows:

"Section 1.08(E). Attorney Fees in Civil-Rights and Employment Actions.

In any civil action properly brought in the Comanche Nation Tribal Court alleging:

- (a) a violation of any right secured by the Comanche Nation Constitution or laws; or*
- (b) an unlawful employment action arising under the Comanche Nation Constitution, laws, ordinances, policies, personnel rules, handbook provisions, or employment contracts,*

the Court shall award the prevailing petitioner reasonable attorney fees, court costs, and litigation expenses.

The intent of this Section is to ensure meaningful enforcement of rights under Comanche Nation law by removing financial barriers to relief and encouraging competent legal representation in civil-rights and employment matters. This Section shall be interpreted broadly to effectuate its remedial purpose.

Reasonableness of attorney fees shall be determined by the Court based on customary hourly rates, time expended, complexity of the matter, and results obtained. The term "litigation expenses" means reasonable out-of-pocket expenses necessarily incurred in the prosecution or defense of an action, including but not limited to costs for deposition transcripts, witness fees, expert witness fees, investigation services, travel costs, and other expenses customarily billed to a client. The term "costs" shall have the meaning set forth in the Comanche Nation Rules of Civil Procedure.

For purposes of this Section, a 'prevailing petitioner' means a petitioner who obtains a final judgment, consent decree, or other court-ordered relief that materially alters the legal relationship of the parties in the petitioner's favor. A petitioner shall not be considered prevailing solely by obtaining procedural relief, voluntary change in conduct absent court order, or interim relief not resulting in a final adjudication on the merits.

Pursuant to Section 1.08(B), this Section constitutes a limited and express waiver of sovereign immunity solely for the purpose of permitting the Comanche Nation Tribal Court to award and enforce reasonable attorney fees, court costs, and litigation expenses authorized by this Section.

This waiver is limited to proceedings in the Comanche Nation Tribal Court and shall not be construed as consent to suit in any federal court, state court, or other tribal court.

This Section does not authorize punitive damages, consequential damages, or any monetary award other than the reasonable attorney fees, court costs, and litigation expenses expressly authorized herein.

Any award under this Section may be entered only after exhaustion of all available administrative remedies, where applicable.

Any award of attorney fees, costs, and litigation expenses under this Section shall be paid from the Comanche Nation Administration line item, or any successor tribal



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administration line item serving the same budgetary function, as approved by the Tribal Council in the annual operating budget or any budget amendment. Approval of this amendment by the Tribal Council shall constitute authorization to use that line item for payment of awards entered under this Section. No separate budget line item shall be required for payment of awards under this Section. The obligation to satisfy any award under this Section shall not be contingent upon the current availability of funds in any specific line item. If sufficient funds are not then available in the Administration line item to satisfy an award, the remaining balance shall be included in the next Tribal Council-approved budget or budget amendment for prompt payment. No award under this Section shall create personal liability for any official or employee.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, to the extent any provision of the CBC Meeting Procedures Code would otherwise require a thirty-day public posting period before action on a proposed amended ordinance, that requirement is hereby waived for this Resolution pursuant to applicable procedural authority and the supreme authority of the Comanche Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if this Resolution is approved for placement on the ballot, the Comanche Business Committee shall cause this Resolution, the full text of the proposed Title 1 amendment, and any ballot language to be publicly posted on the official Comanche Nation website immediately after such approval and shall keep the same publicly available through the date of the General Election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if this amendment is approved by the Comanche Tribal Council in the General Election, the Comanche Business Committee shall, at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the General Election, place this matter on its agenda and shall formally amend and codify Title 1 of the Comanche Nation Code to conform to the amendment approved by the voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duties required by this Resolution after voter approval are ministerial and mandatory, not discretionary, and the Comanche Business Committee, Tribal Attorney, Court Clerk, and all other appropriate tribal officials shall promptly carry out the publication, codification, notice, and implementation of the voter-approved amendment. Compliance with these duties may be compelled through declaratory or injunctive relief in the Comanche Nation Tribal Court to the extent authorized by Comanche Nation law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of any conflict between this Resolution and any prior CBC rule, procedure, or practice, this Resolution shall control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision of this Resolution or the amendment enacted herein is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment shall become effective upon certification of the election results, and the Comanche Business Committee shall formally amend and codify Title 1 of the Comanche Nation Code at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the General Election. Formal codification shall be ministerial only and shall not delay the effectiveness of the voter-approved amendment.

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ATTEST:

Benny Tahmahkera, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer