

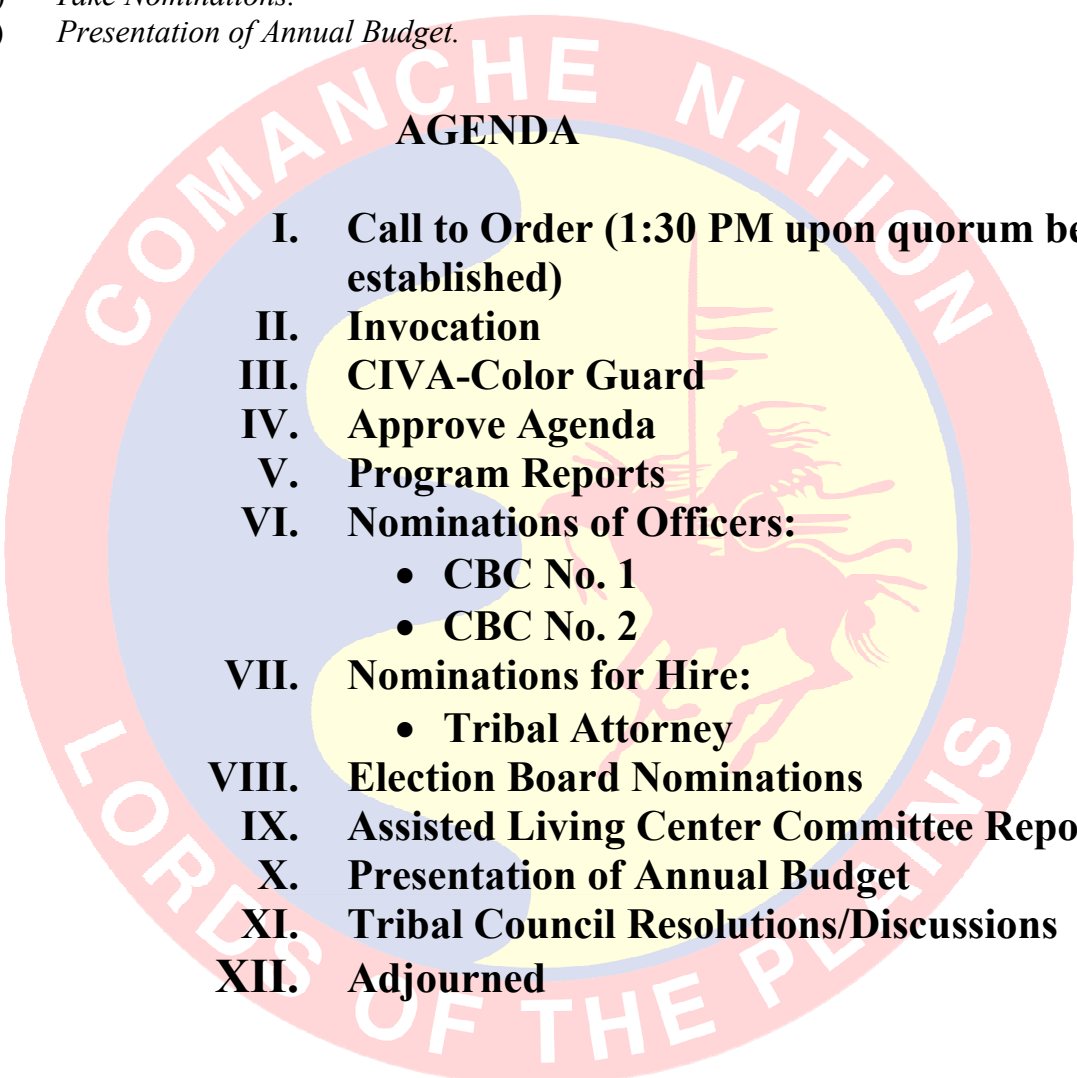
# ANNUAL MEETING

Constitution-Article V, Tribal Council/Powers Clause

Section 2. *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:*

- (a) *Program Reports.*
- (b) *Take Nominations.*
- (c) *Presentation of Annual Budget.*

## AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order (1:30 PM upon quorum being established)**
  - II. Invocation**
  - III. CIVA-Color Guard**
  - IV. Approve Agenda**
  - V. Program Reports**
  - VI. Nominations of Officers:**
    - **CBC No. 1**
    - **CBC No. 2**
  - VII. Nominations for Hire:**
    - **Tribal Attorney**
  - VIII. Election Board Nominations**
  - IX. Assisted Living Center Committee Report**
  - X. Presentation of Annual Budget**
  - XI. Tribal Council Resolutions/Discussions**
  - XII. Adjourned**



## 2025 TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

TC Resolution	Date Submitted	By Whom	Resolution Topic	Constitutional?
TC 01-2025	3/21/2025	Dr. Cornel Pewewardy	Creation of the Comanche Sacred Leadership Youth Institute and a budget to cover cost of housing, meals, stipends for workers and participants, and travel cost to the CSLYI	Yes
TC 02-2025	4/7/2025	Mark Wauahdooah	Formal Endorsement of Israel	Yes
TC 03-2025	4/9/2025	Susan Parker	Three year term for Tribal Attorney	Yes
TC 04-2025	4/10/2025	Kathy Uker	Assisted Living Center to be placed back on the Comanche Nation's regular operating budget beginning with Fiscal Year 2027	Yes
TC 05-2025	4/10/2025	Scott Alan Cox	Create a Standing Subcommittee for Internal Affairs, which shall have exclusive and independent authority to investigate and issue a summary report with recommendations for further action regarding any complaint brought to the CBC or Tribal Administration Alleging misconduct	Yes
TC 06-2025	4/11/2025	John Charles Harrington	To use a portion of the 20% settlement funds for land acquisitions	Yes
TC 07-2025	4/11/2025	Joseph Tecumseh Tahdooahnippah	Distinguish between "Tribal ID Card" and "CDIB Card", removal of the blood degree/total blood listing on the tribal ID Card.	Yes



## 2025 TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS- EXCLUDED

Date Submitted	By Whom	Resolution Topic	Constitutional?
3/28/2025	Thomas Narcomey	KCA Enrollment Office and Per Capita distribution	Unconstitutional. Concern that movant should first contact Kiowa, Comanche, Apache Intertribal Land Use Committee (KCAILUC) about establishing these requests and that Tribal Council's jurisdiction is limited to Art. V, Section 6(d) regarding expenditure of funds for credit to Comanche Nation and joint credit of KCA
4/9/2025	Rhonda Montgomery	Adopting educational requirements for CBC Officers	Unconstitutional. Requirements must be in the constitution
4/11/2025	Brandon Turner	Direct CBC to terminate the Tribal Administrator and nominations for new Tribal Administrator	Unconstitutional. Concerns about due process and CBC having the duty to direct TA under Art. V, Section 8; Recall process is available under Art. VIII which provides for due process; No vacancy yet



## A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE COMANCHE SACRED LEADERSHIP YOUTH INSTITUTE

**WHEREAS**, the Comanche Nation Constitution directs the Comanche Business Committee to be bound by the Comanche Nation Purpose and all lawful matters within the Comanche Nation Constitution as its written; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comanche Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Comanche people. The Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continued government-to-government relationship with the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is granted supreme governing power under the Comanche Nation Constitution, this power includes the passing of resolutions to advance the well-being, growth and development of the Comanche people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comanche Nation Constitution ARTICLE IV, Sections 1-4 with a citation to Article VI, Sections 7(f)-(g) which state that the CBC has the duty and authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the tribal council and to appoint such subcommittees as are needed to develop the proposals suggested herein or any other worthwhile endeavors, including delegation of such authorities to these subcommittees as in commensurate with their responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 17,000 tribal citizens,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of whom live outside of Numu-Soko as a legacy and result of U.S. government boarding schools and federal relocation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Business Committee became aware that that Comanche youth failed to process a comprehensive understanding of the history of the Comanche Nation as a sovereign Nation and tribal governance due to the absence of structural training systems in place to prepare young Comanche citizens to learn about Nationhood, traditional laws, and the covenants of the Comanche Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the training of young leaders is an age-old leadership societal trait reflected in the history of the Comanche Little Ponies; the leadership trait is to invest in Comanche youth now in order to see long-term sacred leadership rewards in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, a steering committee will develop a strategic plan for creating the Comanche Sacred Leadership Youth Institute (CSLYI); a six-week summer leadership institute, teach 18–24-year-old Comanche citizens from all over Numu-Soko about the history, culture, language, enterprise, and governance of the Comanche Nation; and



**WHEREAS**, CSLYI participants will meet and learn from each department of the Comanche Nation; understand who/what/why of each department to see how all of the programs and enterprises fit together as a sovereign tribal Nation; talk to and learn from current elected Comanche Business Committee, Elder's Council, and key Enterprise leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, CSLYI participants will participate in cultural ceremonies, tribal craft classes, tribal language sessions, and be a part of an annual Family Reunion Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, sample assignments will consist of CBC and Elder interviews, project papers presented to the General Council, condolence ceremony, and group project presented to the CBC as a method of contributing back to the Nation; understand how CSLYI fits with neighboring tribes (powwows, visiting their cultural centers and educational programs, eating lunch with Elders, and volunteering at community cultural events; and

**WHEREAS**, following its development and adoption, the CSLYI shall be ultimately overseen by the Comanche Business Committee to ensure its vitality and mission remain constant with the values of the Comanche Nation to develop and foster historically accurate and culturally competent youth leadership development as they so deem fit; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Comanche Sacred Leadership Youth Institute is vital to the future success of the Comanche Nation. A steering committee shall be headed by Dr. Cornel Pewewardy and will exercise their full power in good faith to develop a proposal (including but not limited to budget matters encompassing housing, meals, stipends for identified workers and participants and transportation costs). This trailblazing project will ensure the furthered success of Comanche citizens and leaders for generations to come, while emphasizing the importance of not only governance matters but cultural connection as a whole.

### **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 17, 2025**, by a majority vote of \_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_ against.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer**



**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AS A SOVEREIGN NATION TO OFFER MORAL  
SUPPORT TO ISRAEL FOR SELF-PRESERVATION AND PROSPERITY**

**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 Nation of Israel is the “Apple of God’s eye” and people who are highly favored and blessed, as referenced in the Bible (Genesis 12:3), which states, “I will bless those that bless you, and I will curse those that curse you; and in you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” and

**WHEREAS**, other First Nations have already established covenant relationship with Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comanche Nation is in need of many blessings- both natural and spiritual- and especially as we regain a “renewed” status as the Lords of the Plains; and

**WHEREAS**, it behooves the Comanche Nation, in these last days, to declare and endorse Israel as a sovereign nation that possesses autonomous territory, culture, and seeks prosperity and general safety; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Comanche Nation Tribal Council today directs the Comanche Business Committee to draft and send a formal endorsement of Israel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2025 Tribal Council approves this endorsement of Israel.

**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 17, 2025**, by a majority vote of \_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_ against.

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**Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer**



**A TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE TERM OF THE COMANCHE  
TRIBAL ATTORNEY TO THREE YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved at 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 Comanche Tribal Council is the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comanche Constitution Article V, Section 9, provides that Comanche Tribal Council shall “hire an attorney to represent the tribe in legal matters”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comanche Tribal Council has historically exercised its power to “hire and attorney to represent the tribe in legal matters” by election every year even though a term of service is not specified, thus by custom making the Comanche Tribal Attorney’s term of office one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS**, to enhance the consistency, efficiency, continuity and stability of the legal representation of the Comanche Nation, the Comanche Tribal Council seeks to modify the Comanche Tribal Attorney’s term of office from one (1) year to three (3) years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE ENACTED**, the Comanche Nation Tribal Council, hereby exercises its supreme powers to make the Tribal Attorney’s term three (3) years; and

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, the Tribal Attorney’s three-year term shall begin after being duly elected by the Tribal Council in the 2025 Comanche Nation Election and shall thereafter run consecutively with the terms of Comanche Business Committee Member #1 and Comanche Business Committee Member #2.

**CERTIFICATION**

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**Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer**



## RESOLUTION

**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, in exercising its inherent sovereignty and pursuant to the Constitution of the Comanche Nation, including its responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and elders, maintains the right and responsibility to care for its elders and provide for their wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edith Kassanavoid Gordon Assisted Living Center was established in 2014 to serve tribal elders in need of assisted living services, providing culturally appropriate, safe, and community-based care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comanche Tribal Council has consistently and overwhelmingly supported continued funding for the Assisted Living Center in annual elections, with more than 80% voting YES each year from 2014 through 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, this sustained support reflects the will of the Nation and the sacred obligation to care for elders who have all contributed to the survival, resilience, and prosperity of the Comanche people; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed closure of the Assisted Living Center by the Comanche Business Committee is contrary to the Tribal Council's repeated votes of approval as a mandate to remain open and would cause displacement and hardship for our elders; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed alternative of offering annual vouchers for placement in non-Comanche facilities would place elders in culturally inappropriate environments, strip them of community connection, and provide no long-term security due to annual approval requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nation has access to sufficient funding through the Rainy Day Fund, which can cover the \$1.2 million needed to maintain full operations in FY 2026 without impacting essential services; and





**WHEREAS**, the facility sits on approximately ten (10) acres of land with underused space and room for future expansion of elder services, including independent living and nursing home care; and

**WHEREAS**, the property is not in trust status, resulting in unnecessary property taxes and zoning limitations — a failure of long-term planning that should be corrected to protect future development and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure long-term stability, the Assisted Living Center should be placed back on the Comanche Nation's regular operating budget beginning with Fiscal Year 2027; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council, as the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation, formally directs that the Edith Kassanavoid Gordon Assisted Living Center remain open and fully operational; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that \$1.2 million be allocated from the Rainy Day Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to support the Center's continued operation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Comanche Business Committee shall, within 120 days of adoption, direct the Realty Department to initiate the process to place the Assisted Living Center property into trust status to eliminate property tax burdens and development barriers; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution supersedes any prior action of the Comanche Business Committee that seeks to close, suspend, or reduce operations at the Assisted Living Center without Tribal Council approval, and shall remain in effect unless and until amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Tribal Council at a future meeting.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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**Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer**



**COMANCHE TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR CREATING A STANDING  
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved at 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 Tribal Council is the supreme governing body of the Comanche Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has determined that an independent body is necessary to investigate allegations of misconduct to include violations of the Comanche Nation Constitution, Policy and Violations of Law committed by Comanche Nation officials and employees; and

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby directs the Comanche Business Committee (“CBC”), pursuant to the CBC’s authority under Article VI, Section 7(g) of the Comanche Nation Constitution to:

- 1) Create a Standing Subcommittee for Internal Affairs (“SSIA”), which shall have the exclusive and independent authority to investigate and issue a summary report(s), with recommendations for any further action (legal or procedural), regarding any complaint brought to the CBC or Tribal Administration alleging misconduct by any Comanche Nation official or employee; and
- 2) The CBC with the assistance of legal counsel and tribal administration, shall have a draft framework for the SSIA, and present said draft to the Tribal Council for review and comment, either during a regularly or specially held CBC meeting, within 90 days following the conclusion of the upcoming election cycle (May 17, 2025, or June 14, 2025 (if run-off election required)); and
- 3) The SSIA shall be operational with appropriate policy and procedure as soon as practicable thereafter, but no later than December 31, 2025.

**CERTIFICATION**

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**Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer**



**A TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO USE A PORTION OF THE 20%  
SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM THE PLAN FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
JUDGMENT FUNDS FOR LAND ACQUISITIONS**

**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**, under the Comanche Constitution, Article IV (4), the supreme governing body of this organization shall be the Comanche Tribal Council. The Tribal Council shall consist of all duly enrolled members of the Comanche Nation who are eighteen (18) years of age or older; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Comanche Nation Tribal Council now desires to use a portion of the (20%) settlements monies from the Plan for the Use and Distribution of Judgment Funds, 41 Fed. Reg. 28327 (July 9, 1976) to purchase land for economic development.

**CERTIFICATION**

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**Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer**



**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN  
TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND CDIB CARDS, AND TO CALL FOR THE  
REMOVAL OF BLOOD DEGREE INFORMATION FROM TRIBAL  
IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

**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 maintains the exclusive sovereign right to determine its own citizenship, enrollment standards, and the administration of official tribal identification systems, and issues its own Tribal ID cards as official instruments of Comanche citizenship; and

**WHEREAS,** these Tribal ID cards, issued solely by the Comanche Nation, are distinct from Certificates of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIBs), which are issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and serve a separate federal administrative purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** the listing of an individual's blood quantum on a Tribal ID card is not necessary to determine eligibility for services or citizenship status, as these matters are established and documented through the tribal enrollment process; and

**WHEREAS,** the concept of blood quantum is a federally imposed metric historically used to divide, assimilate, and diminish Indigenous identity and nationhood, and its continued display on Tribal ID cards may perpetuate social fragmentation and undermine cultural cohesion among Comanche people; and

**WHEREAS,** the removal of blood quantum from Tribal ID cards affirms the inherent identity and dignity of all enrolled Comanche citizens and supports the Nation's efforts to reinforce unity, belonging, and cultural strength across generations; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Comanche Tribal Council hereby directs the appropriate departments of the Comanche Nation to discontinue the practice of including blood quantum on all newly issued and reissued Tribal ID cards; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall not affect the Comanche Nation's enrollment criteria or procedures, which are maintained and safeguarded by the Enrollment Office in accordance with the laws and Constitution of the Comanche Nation.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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**Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer**