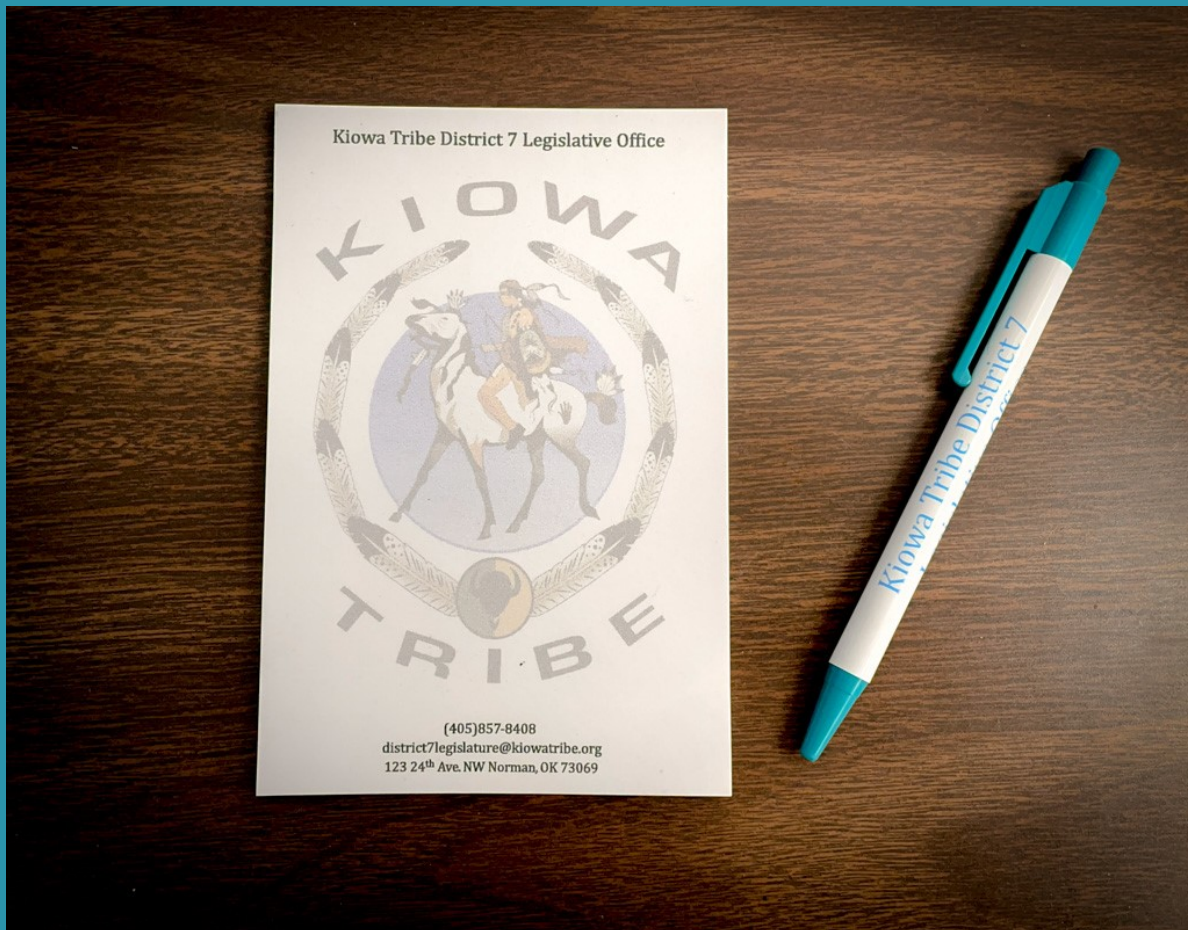




Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

June of 2023



Greetings, District 7 Kiowa Citizens!

Expansion of the Kiowa District 7 Office to Tulsa

The expansion of the District 7 Kiowa Legislative Office to Tulsa, Oklahoma begins in July 2023. Through collaboration with the Kiowa Executive Branch, we

will be sharing the office space in Norman for outreach to the OKC and Norman surrounding areas. This collaboration will allow for the expanded outreach to better serve Kiowa citizens in the Northeastern area of Oklahoma. This office will provide guidance and be an advocate for members of the community in terms of navigating the political process, filing complaints, and accessing other assistance. Additionally, this office will provide educational opportunities for citizens to understand more about their own tribal government. Through information sessions, seminars, and workshops constituents can learn more about how their government works, which will increase civic engagement in District 7. The Kiowa Legislative Office will continue to be an important tool that will help to create a more equitable and informed electorate.

By expanding the office, District 7 Kiowa citizens can access more resources which can then be used to better their community. The office plans to partner with local organizations and assist in providing any resources necessary for both civic engagement projects as well as community development initiatives. Finally, the office will continue to collaborate with other government agencies to develop policies that address challenges faced by District 7 Kiowa citizens.

The expansion of the District 7 Kiowa Legislative Office is an important step towards increasing civic engagement and providing resources necessary for community development. This office will create more opportunities for citizens to learn and participate in their government, while also providing direct assistance to those who need it most. With these resources, District 7 Kiowa citizens can become more informed and empowered to improve the quality of life in their community.



District 7 Tulsa Office

GRAND OPENING

**Friday,
July 21, 2023
10am-3pm**

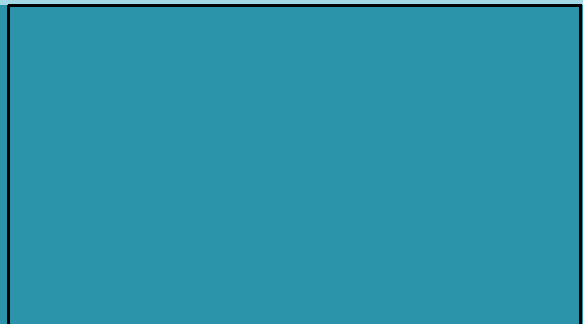
**More
details
to come**

www.kiowatribe.org/district-7

Upcoming Events

Language Class

Enrollment



Kiowa District 7 Language Class

JUNE 12TH

IN PERSON ACTIVITY BEGINS

@ 7:00PM

VIRTUAL CLASS BEGINS

@ 8:00 PM

POTLOCK! PLEASE BRING AN ITEM TO SHARE!

SPEAKERS | DELORES HARRAGARRA
VELMA EISENBERGER
MARTHA POOLAW

Location : Kiowa District 7 Office
123 24th Ave NW
Norman, Oklahoma 73069

ZOOM OPTIONS

Link: <http://bit.ly/3Zaqwmq>
Meeting ID: 876 3205 2759
Password: kiowa QR Code:



FOR ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLASS CONTENT PLEASE CONTACT KRICKET CONNYWERDY AT RHOADSCONNYWERDY@GMAIL.COM



KIOWA TRIBE DISTRICT 7

TRIBAL ID CARD DAY



SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH 2023

123 24TH AVE NW, NORMAN, OK 73069
10 AM - 2 PM CST
PHONE NUMBER: (405) 857-8408

ENROLLMENT SERVICES WILL BE AT THE DISTRICT 7 OFFICE ONCE A MONTH

Tribal Budget Update

KIOWA TRIBE
ANNUAL BUDGET ELECTION
June 3, 2023



UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

	ANADARKO	CARNEGIE	MEDICINE BLUFF	JIMMY CREEK	RED RIVER	ELK CREEK	ALL KIOWA	MAIL IN	TOTAL	%
KIOWA TRIBE FY 2023-2024										
YES	14	12	4	3	6	11	6	860	916	83.81%
NO	7	7	0	2	0	1	0	160	177	16.19%

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Election Officials of the Kiowa Tribe do hereby certify the above abstract to be a true and accurate reflection of the votes cast in the Annual Budget Election held on Saturday, June 3, 2023. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Kiowa Tribe.

SIGNED

Anna Hill
Karin Wahnee
Crystal Kelley

Opelene Beartrack
Deborah Wilson

The recent tribal budget election was approved by the citizens of the Kiowa Tribe on June 3, 2023. The budget has been a major source of concern among many tribal citizens. Following the release of the proposed fiscal year budget, members of the Kiowa Tribe have voiced their discontent with the current state of the proposed spending. Many tribal citizens have cited inadequate funding for essential services such as education, housing, infrastructure, and citizens' services as some of their primary grievances. Furthermore, they have also noted that the proposed budget is difficult to understand and lacks transparency and accountability.

The District 7 Legislative Office has produced current legislation addressing those

concerns for future budgetary elections. The District 7 Office is working with the Kiowa Executive Branch and Kiowa Election Commission to create a Budget Ballot that makes the most sense to tribal citizens.

In response to these issues, the Kiowa Legislature has called for greater involvement in the budgeting process. To ensure that tribal citizens' voices are heard, they have demanded that the budgeting process be opened so that they can provide input throughout the entire process. This could include holding legislative hearings and meetings where the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch can work on the proposed budget together and Legislators can make their citizens' views known. Additionally, tribal leaders have suggested increasing access to financial data and resources to better understand the implications of the proposed budget.

Kiowa Tribal citizens have expressed a great deal of concern over the current state of the proposed budget. By increasing public engagement and access to financial data, tribal leaders hope to ensure that their voices are heard during this important process and that they can make informed decisions when it comes to the future of their tribal budgets. Ultimately, this will ensure that the budget is reflective of the needs and concerns of those it serves.

By engaging with citizens throughout the entire process, the Kiowa Legislature hope to create a budget that is reflective of their communities' values and priorities. Through increased transparency around financial data and resources, they can ensure that their members are provided with the information necessary to make informed decisions. Ultimately, this could lead to a stronger and more vibrant tribal budget that is reflective of the values and priorities of all those it serves.

Thank you for your time! I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this important issue.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this topic, please feel free to contact the District 7 Legislative Office at district7legislature@kiowatribe.org.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Our Fiscal Year is Ending June 30th



HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

We encourage all Kiowa Citizens to apply yearly.
You can apply once a fiscal year
This is between July 1st through June 30th.

What is it?

This program pays for one bill* up to \$250.
Payments are made directly to the billing
company

Who is Eligible?

All Kiowa Citizens in any district can apply
once a fiscal year.
You must provide a valid bill*.

How do I apply?

Visit: <https://www.kiowatribe.org/district-7>
The application can be found under
"Resources"

*See application for details on types of bills accepted

Please reach out to the District 7 office with any questions
(405) 857-8408
district7legislature@kiowatribe.org

KIC Results



The Kiowa Tribe Indian Council's May 2023 meeting was a disappointment for members, as the necessary quorum of 150 citizens could not be reached. Despite many members have voiced their intention to attend the meeting, only approximately 121 members were in attendance and thus the meeting was not held. This was seen as particularly disheartening by some members, as the meeting was to address important issues such as tribal blood quantum and tribal budget.

The failure of the Kiowa Tribe Indian Council's May 2023 meeting stands in contrast to previous meetings where attendance had generally been high enough to reach a quorum. This has raised questions among some members about why there was so much difficulty gathering a quorum around the timing of the event. Some possibilities that have been raised include a lack of communication from tribal leadership, conflicting schedules due to changing work and school hours, and travel costs for members living further away.

Going forward, the Kiowa Tribe Indian Council will need to take steps to ensure that future meetings can reach a quorum. This could include better communication about meetings and their importance or providing incentives for members for attendance. With these steps in place, members will be able to make sure that the voices of the Kiowa Tribe are heard and that important issues can be discussed and addressed.

Resolutions submitted to continence of the Kiowa Indian Council will need to be resubmitted for the next meeting date scheduled.

For more information regarding the Kiowa Indian Council, please contact Kristi Norris-Wolf

Oklahoma Legislature Votes in Favor of Native American Regalia at Graduations

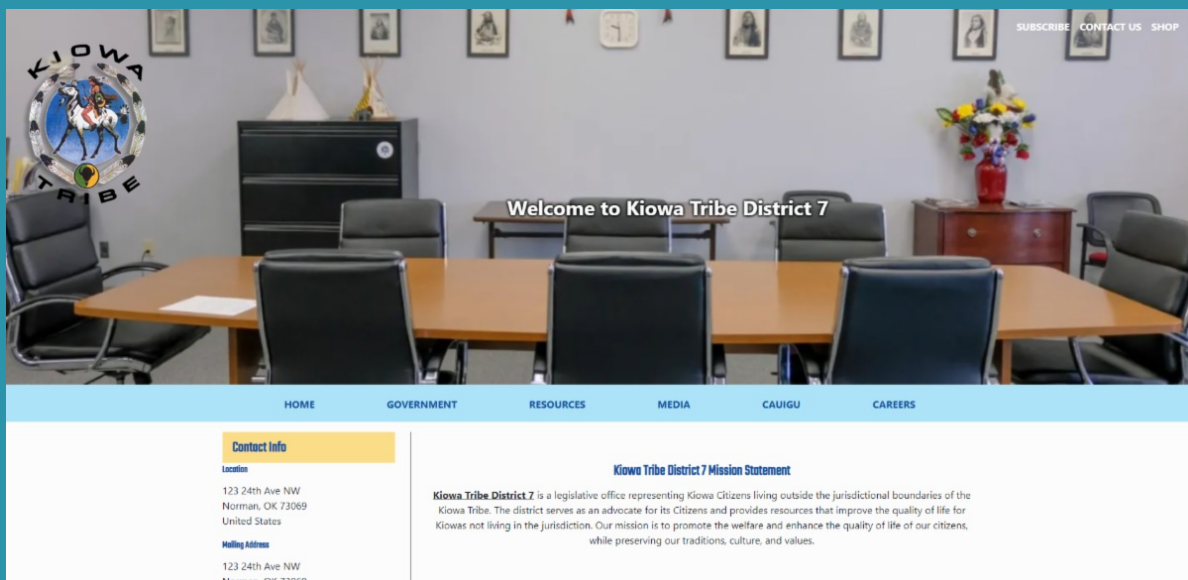


In a resounding victory for Native American students, the Oklahoma Legislature has voted in favor of a bill that would allow them to wear regalia during high school and college graduations. Governor Kevin Stitt had previously vetoed the measure, but the House and Senate overrode his decision with ease. The bill takes effect on July 1 and has been widely supported by several tribes and Native American citizens in Oklahoma.

The bill, which had been introduced by Senator Michael Bergstrom earlier this year, aims to allow any student attending a public school, college, university, or technology center to wear tribal regalia during official graduation ceremonies. This includes traditional garments, jewelry, or other adornments. The move has been welcomed by many Native American communities including the Kiowa Tribe, who have long been fighting for the right to wear their regalia at graduation ceremonies.

The bill does come with some restrictions, however. Weapons such as a bow and arrow, tomahawk, or war hammer are strictly prohibited. This is in line with existing regulations that prohibit weapons on school and college premises. Students are also still required to seek approval from the school administration before wearing their regalia to graduation ceremonies.

New Website



District 7 has a new space on the Kiowa Tribe website! Please bear with us as this

is a current work in progress. Please check back as we continue to update this page and make it our own, [Kiowa Tribe District 7](#)

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