

# **Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma**

## **Governing Resolution**

**RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE  
QUAPAW TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
TO SPEAK AND ACT IN BEHALF OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF INDIANS**

**WHEREAS**, it is expensive and inconvenient for the individual members of the Quapaw Tribe to meet in general council when it is necessary to transact tribal business; and

**WHEREAS**, it is not the intention or desire of the individual members of the Quapaw Tribe to establish an organization for the purpose of governing the activities of the Tribe, but that it is the desire of the individual males members, 18 years of age and over, and female members 18 years of age and over, to establish a responsible administrative body to represent, speak and act for the individual members of the Quapaw Tribe on matters affecting the properties and general business of the Tribe.

**NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:**

Section 1:

- (a): A Quapaw Tribal Business Committee is hereby established to consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer, and four members who shall be elected by secret ballot and who shall serve for a term of two years.
- (b): Four members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall constitute a quorum for the official transaction to conduct business.

Section 2: No person shall be a candidate for membership in the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee unless he shall be a member of the Quapaw Tribe by blood and on the approved rolls, and shall be at least 25 years of age.

Section 3:

- (a): The first election of a Tribal Business Committee under this resolution shall be called and supervised by the Area Director of the Muskogee Area Office or his representative in accordance with election procedures outlined by him. Thereafter, elections shall be held every two years in July prior to the expiration of the terms of office of the members of the Tribal Business Committee. The date and place shall be designated by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee; and thirty (30) days prior to the election, public notice shall be given. The terms of office of members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall be for two years, or until their successors are elected, qualified and installed.
- (b): Regular elections shall be held in even-numbered years. Nominations shall be from the floor. Election shall be by secret ballot, a plurality vote being necessary to elect. The newly elected officer shall be installed immediately upon their election.

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- (c): If the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall fail to give appropriate notice of the election, or in case a regular election has not been held as provided in Section 3 of this resolution, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative shall call such an election and shall give thirty (30) days notice, setting the time and place of the election.

Section 4: Vacancies in any elective office shall be filled at any regular or special meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council.

Section 5: The Quapaw Tribal Business Committee is hereby empowered to appoint subordinate committee and representatives; to transact business of the Quapaw Tribe, including the management or disposition of tribal property and the expenditure of tribal funds, except such funds as may be due the members of the Quapaw Tribe as a result of the Quapaw Judgement Award against the United States, (May 7, 1954), and any future claims, and such additional business of the Tribe as the Quapaw Indian Council may see fit to delegate to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee from time to time by appropriate resolution; provided however, that any ordinances passed by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee governing membership, future membership or the loss of membership shall be subject to the approval of the Quapaw Indian Council and, so long as the affairs of the Quapaw Tribe are under the general supervision of the Federal Government, of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative.

Section 6:

- (a): A Grievance Committee, consisting of three persons of Quapaw Indian blood, shall be elected by the general council, and shall not include any members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. The term of office of the Grievance Committee shall be for two years and the members shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as that provided for the election of the members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.
- (b): The Grievance Committee shall investigate complaints of misconduct or other acts of the members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and upon a proper showing shall request the Chairman to call a special meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council to act upon such complaints. In the event the Chairman refuses or fails to call such a meeting, the Grievance Committee shall advise the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative, who shall call the special meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council for the purpose of hearing and acting upon such complaints. Such Council shall have power, by a majority vote, after giving the accused hearing, to clear him of the charges; or to remove him

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from office, if guilty, and proceed to elect a successor, except if a member of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee fails or refuses to attend two regular meetings in succession unless excused due to illness or other causes for which he cannot be held responsible, or shall be convicted of a felony, or a misdemeanor involving moral integrity, his office shall be forfeited automatically, and a special election shall be called by the Chairman of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee for his replacement in accordance with Section 4 of this Resolution.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings and perform all duties appertaining to the office. He shall exercise all authorities delegated to him and he shall be entitled to a vote on all questions.

Section 8: In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman, assuming all the privileges, duties and responsibilities of the Chairman.

Section 9: The Secretary-Treasurer shall correctly record all proceedings of all meetings and shall forward copies of the minutes of meetings to the Area Director and to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He shall be responsible for the prompt and efficient handling of all correspondence pertaining to the business of the Council. He shall make out the order of business for the Chairman, shall notify all committee of their appointment; shall have custody of the records and all papers of the Council which records and papers shall be open to inspection at any time, in his presence, by any members of the Council desiring to review them. He shall keep a correct list of all members of the Council, shall authenticate all accounts or orders of the Council, and in the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, shall call the meetings to order until a chairman pro-tem is selected. He shall render a written report at the annual meeting and at the expiration of his term of office, records and all papers in his possession shall be turned over to his successor. He shall issue notices of all meetings and conduct all general correspondence, as directed by the general council of the Tribal Business Committee.

He shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements of all monies belonging to the Tribe which may come into his hands and make appropriate reports to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and the Quapaw Indian Council at its annual meetings. The accounts and records of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and the general council shall be open at all times for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative.

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The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all tribal monies entrusted to his care in a special account and all disbursements therefore should be made by check. He shall file a surety bond satisfactory to the Tribal Business Committee and to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative. The cost of such bond shall be paid from tribal funds.

- Section 10: Special meetings of the Quapaw Indian Council may be called at the discretion of the Chairman, and shall be called by him, at the request, in writing of the majority of the Tribal Business Committee, or by written request of thirty percent of the members of the general council.
- Section 11: The regular meetings of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall be held at a place and time to be determined by the Chairman, with proper notice to the members of the Committee during the months of January, April, July, and October unless otherwise provided by resolution.
- Section 12: Special meetings of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee may be called by the Chairman at his discretion and shall be called by him upon the written request of a majority of the Business Committee.
- Section 13: All meetings of the Quapaw Indian Council and the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section 14: This resolution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Quapaw Tribe of Indian of Quapaw blood and on the approved Quapaw rolls voting at an election called for that purpose by the Chairman of the Tribal Business Committee. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee to call such an election for referendum at the request of a majority of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee, or upon presentation of a petition signed by at least thirty percent of the qualified voters, members of the Quapaw Tribe; provided not less than thirty (30) days notice of such meeting and proposed amendment shall be given to the members of the Tribe directly by mail, if feasible, and by appropriate publicity through-out the communities in which the tribal members reside.

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The foregoing resolution was duly adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1956.

/s/ Robert A. Whitebird  
Chairman, Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/ Harry F. Gilmore  
Secretary-Treasurer

This is to certify that there were approximately one hundred fifty (150) of the adult members of the Quapaw Tribe at the above general council meeting; that there was one opposing vote and a few not voting on the above resolution, and the Resolution was therefore adopted.

/s/ Paul L. Fickinger  
Area Director and Presiding Officer

/s/ Marie L. Hayes  
Administrative Assistant, and  
Secretary Pro Tem

The foregoing resolution, which was passed on August 19, 1956, by the Quapaw General Council, is hereby approved, effective as of the date of its adoption.

/s/ Glenn L. Emmons  
Commissioner

September 20, 1957

Governing Resolution Continued:

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Administrative Assistant, and  
Secretary Pro Tem

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/s/ Glenn L. Emmons  
Commissioner

September 20, 1957

MEMBERSHIP ORDINANCE  
QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Section I

The membership of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma shall consist of all Quapaws by blood living on July 17, 1977, provided:

- (a) Their name appears on the Payment Roll for the Distribution of Quapaw Judgment Funds prepared pursuant to the Act of July 17, 1959 (73 Stat. 221) and their descendants.
- (b) Those individuals who did not appear on the 1959 Payment Roll for Distribution of Quapaw Judgement Funds; but who can trace their ancestry to the Quapaw Membership Roll of February 8, 1890; including the descendants of those appearing on the 1959 Payment Roll. This shall include those specific individuals originally adopted by the Quapaw National Council during the period of 1880 to January 12, 1895, but not the descendants thereof.
- (c) Individuals who can prove their ancestry to the 1959 Payment Roll only must be approved by the General Council of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, providing any documentation the Council may desire, to prove their ancestry.

Section II

The membership Roll of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma shall be kept current by striking therefrom the names of persons who have deceased upon receipt of a death certificate or other evidence of death acceptable to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and by adding to the roll the names of individuals or children who meet the qualifications for membership as set forth in Section I (b. & c.) of this Ordinance.

Attested: This is a true record of the Membership Ordinance for the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma as passed on July 17, 1977, and amended on July 16, 1978.

/s/Marv B. Jennings  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/Jesse McKibben  
Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

Approved:

/s/Alton B. Nordwall

DATE: 12/20/79



CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true and exact reproduction of the governing document of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma.

Witness my hand and official seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1981.

/s/Barbara Lunsford  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 25, 1984

ADDENDUM TO THE MEMBERSHIP ORDINANCE  
General Council Meeting July 19, 1981

Anyone wishing to withdraw their membership from the Quapaw Tribe must formerly submit a letter to the Business Committee stating their name and their minor children's names to be withdrawn. The individuals stated in the letter cannot re-apply for membership, with the exception of minors up to the age of eighteen. After the age of eighteen minors are eligible to formally re-apply for membership to the Quapaw Tribe, if they so desire.

This motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

I certify that this is a true and exact reproduction of the motion recorded in the minutes of the General Council Meeting of July 19, 1981.

/s/Barbara Lunsford  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 25, 1984

## AMENDMENT

The Quapaw General Council in a Special Meeting conducted Saturday, April 16, 1994 elected three members for the Business Committee to fill existing vacancies. Those individuals elected to serve until the July 4 General Council meeting and election are: Harry F. Gilmore, Vice-Chairman, Leslie Walker, Secretary-Treasurer, and Becky Brooks, Member.

Under procedures established by amendment of Section 3 of the Tribe's Governing Resolution by action of the General Councils of July 4, 1991 and April 16, 1994; those individuals seeking positions of the Business Committee have to file for office thirty (30) days prior to election. This means an individual seeking office must file by June 4.

The amendment to Section 3 is as follows:

### Section 3

- (a) Elections shall be held for specified offices each year. Hereafter, staggered terms of office of members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall be for two years, or until successors are elected, qualified and installed.
  - (1) The election of Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and one Council Member shall be held every even numbered year in July prior to the expiration of the terms, of those positions of office, of the members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.
  - (2) The first election of the Vice-Chairman and three Council Members shall be held in 1994 for a one-year term. Thereafter, election for Vice-Chairman and three Council Members shall be held every odd numbered years in July prior to the expiration of the terms, of those positions of office, of the members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.
  - (3) The date and place shall be designated by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee, and thirty (30) days prior to the election, public notice shall be given.
- (b) Those persons seeking election to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall file written notice for the office, for which they are seeking to be elected, thirty (30) days in advance, prior to the elections for that office. Such notice shall be filed at the Quapaw Tribal Office. Nominations shall not be taken from the floor.
- (c) The first election conducted under this amendment will be in July 1994, and all positions of office will be filled. For clarification, those

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(APRIL 16, 1994)

individuals seeking the two-year term shall file for Council Member one. Those individuals seeking the one-year term shall file for Council Member two. Thereafter, on Council Member shall be elected every even numbered year and three Council Members shall be elected every odd numbered year.

- (d) In the event no individual files for office or an individual or individuals who file for a position of office have no opposition, then nominations from the floor will be allowed. Individuals seeking office must be present for the election except in the event of an emergency. If a candidate cannot be present they must notify the Chairman of the Business Committee in writing prior to the election they will accept the nomination.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify this is a true copy of the amendment of Section 3 of the RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE QUAPAW TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO SPEAK AND ACT IN BEHALF OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF INDIANS adopted the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1956. Section 3 (a) enacted by General Council on July 4, 1991; with (c) and (d) enacted by General Council on April 16, 1994 by a vote of 35 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions for (c) and a vote of 32 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions for (d)

/s/Lloyd Buffalo, Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/Leslie Walker, Sec./Treas.  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma  
Absentee Ballot Ordinance

Section 100: Short Title.

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the *Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Absentee Ballot Ordinance*.

Section 101: Findings and Intent.

The General Council of the Quapaw Tribe has determined that all eligible individuals of Quapaw blood 18 years of age and over are entitled to vote in the elections for the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.

Further, the General Council of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma determines the intent of this ordinance is to:

- (a) Authorize those individuals of Quapaw blood 18 years of age and older a procedure to vote in the election of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee as established by the governing Resolution adopted by the Quapaw General Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1956 and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1957
- (b) Provide a procedure of voting by absentee ballot in the election of members to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.

Section 103: Absentee Ballot Procedures.

- (A) All registered voters of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma are entitled to vote for Business Committee members by absentee ballot. For purposes of absentee ballots, any individual 18 years of age and older and of Quapaw blood is deemed to be a registered voter.
- (B) Requests for absentee ballots may be made in writing to:
  - Quapaw Tribal Office
  - P.O. Box 765
  - Quapaw, Oklahoma 74363

Requests may also be made in person at the same office. Such requests may be made after June 1.

The request shall contain the following information:

- a. Name (if female, provide maiden name)
- b. Address
- c. Roll Number

Absentee Ballot Ordinance Continued:

Each request will contain the following statement:

"I swear or affirm that I will be unable to vote in person and hereby request an absentee ballot for the forthcoming Quapaw Tribal Election on July 4, \_\_\_\_\_."

Each request must be signed and notarized; only one request will be accepted per individual. A printed request bearing the space for information required will be published in the Tribal Newsletter prior to June 1. This form may be utilized.

- (C) Requests will be verified for eligibility to vote by absentee ballot by an Election Committee, established annually and not later than May 1 by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee; and the Enrollment Committee. An individual may not serve on each committee. No candidate for election can serve on the Election Committee.
- (D) Upon verification of eligibility to vote by absentee ballot, the applicant will be mailed a ballot on June 4<sup>th</sup> or not later than June 8<sup>th</sup>. Voters shall use an envelope imprinted with the word *ABSENTEE BALLOT*, and in the upper left-hand corner, the voter's name and roll number will be affixed.

The ballot will be printed on color paper and shall be numbered sequentially. The ballot will contain the following information:

- a. List of Candidates
- b. Each Candidate shall have placed beside name; the position filed for and a box in which to mark vote.

No duplicate of this ballot is valid.

- (E) Absentee voters will mark the ballot for candidate(s) of their choice and place the ballot in the envelope imprinted *ABSENTEE BALLOT* and seal it. This envelope shall be placed in another envelope and mailed to the Quapaw Tribal Office to be received no later than June 28<sup>th</sup>, or, hand delivered to the Tribal Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on that date.
- (F) All ballots will be stamped with time and date received on day received. Ballots received after the date or time in item E will be considered null and void and remain unopened.
- (G) All absentee ballots will be placed in a locked ballot box and remain unopened until the July 4<sup>th</sup> election and then checked against sign-in sheet at the General Council meeting and those absentee ballots for individuals

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present will be null and void and shall be marked "**PRESENT**" across front of envelope and remain unopened.

- (H) Absentee ballots shall be opened by the Election Committee at the time of election and counted as though they were cast that day.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned duly elected Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Business Committee of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted and enacted at the General Council meeting of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma conducted on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1995 at Beaver Springs Park, by a vote of 31 for and 0 against.

ATTEST:

/s/Grace Goodeagle  
Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/Lloyd Buffalo  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

## AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSENTEE BALLOT ORDINANCE ARE IN BOLD TYPE AND UNDERLINED

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Further, the General Council of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma determines the intent of this ordinance is to:

- (a) Authorize those individuals of Quapaw blood 18 years of age and older a procedure to vote in the election of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee as established by the governing Resolution adopted by the Quapaw General Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1956 and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1957.
- (b) Provide a procedure of voting by absentee ballot in the election of members to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.

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- (A) All registered voters of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma are entitled to vote for Business Committee members by absentee ballot. For purposes of absentee ballots, any individual 18 years of age and older and of Quapaw blood is deemed to be a registered voter.
- (B) Requests for absentee ballots July Quapaw General Council be made in writing to:
  - Quapaw Tribal Office
  - P.O. Box 765
  - Quapaw, Oklahoma 74363

Requests may also be made in person at the same office. Such requests may be made after May1.



The request shall contain the following information:

- a. Name (if female, provide maiden name)
- b. Address
- c. Roll Number
- d. Birthdate

Each request will contain the following statement:

"I swear or affirm that I will be unable to vote in person and hereby request an absentee ballot for the forthcoming Quapaw Tribal Election on July 4, \_\_\_\_\_."

Each request must be signed and notarized; only one request will be accepted per individual. A printed request bearing the space for information required will be published in the Tribal Newsletter prior to May 1. This form may be utilized.

(C) Requests will be verified for eligibility to vote by absentee ballot by an Election Committee, established annually and not later than May 1 by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee; and the Enrollment Committee. An individual may not serve on both committees. No candidate for election can serve on the Quapaw Election Committee.

(D) Upon verification of eligibility to vote by absentee ballot, the applicant will be mailed a ballot on June 4<sup>th</sup> or not later than June 8<sup>th</sup>. Voters shall use an envelope imprinted with the word *ABSENTEE BALLOT*, and in the upper left-hand corner, the voter's name and roll number will be affixed.

The ballot will be printed on color paper and shall be numbered sequentially. The ballot will contain the following information:

- a. List of Candidates
- b. Each Candidate shall have placed beside name; the position filed for and a box in which to mark vote.

No duplicate of this ballot is valid.

(E) Absentee voters will mark the ballot for candidate(s) of their choice and place the ballot in the envelope imprinted *ABSENTEE BALLOT* and seal it. This envelope shall be placed in another envelope and mailed to the Quapaw Tribal Office to be received no later than July 2, or, hand delivered to the Quapaw Tribal Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on that date.

(F) All ballots will be stamped with time and date received on day received. Ballots received after the date or time in item E will be considered null and void and remain unopened.

- (G) All absentee ballots will be placed in a locked ballot box and remain unopened until the July 4<sup>th</sup> election and then checked against sign-in sheet at the General Council meeting and those absentee ballots for individuals present will be null and void and shall be marked "**PRESENT**" across front of envelope and remain unopened.
- (H) Absentee ballots shall be opened by the Election Committee at the time of election and counted as though they were cast that day.

#### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned duly elected officials of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee certify that this is a true copy of the amendments of the Absentee Ballot Ordinance. Amendments are specified by underscoring and bold type. Amendments were enacted by General Council on July 4, 1999, by majority vote.

/s/Ed Rodgers  
Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/Harry F. Gilmore  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

AMENDMENT

Resolution Number 070499A  
A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GOVERNING RESOLUTION  
OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma is governed by a Governing Resolution that was duly adopted by the Quapaw Indian Council on August 19, 1956, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 20, 1957;

WHEREAS, the Governing Resolution delegates authority to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee to speak and act on behalf of the Quapaw Tribe; and

WHEREAS, it is expensive and inconvenient for members of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma to meet in General Council when it is necessary to transact tribal business; and

WHEREAS, Section XI of the Governing Resolution reads: The regular meeting of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall be held at a place and time to be determined by the Chairman, with proper notice to the members of the Committee during the months of January, April, July and October, unless otherwise provided by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section XIV of the Governing Resolution reads: The Governing Resolution may be amended by a majority of the qualified voters of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians of Quapaw blood and on the approved Quapaw rolls voting at an election called for that purpose by the Chairman of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the Governing Resolution, to transact tribal business on a monthly basis; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma amends Section XI of the Governing Resolution to read: A regular monthly meeting of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall be held on the third Saturday of each month, with proper notice to the members of the committee.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma was presented and duly adopted at the General Council Meeting of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma on July 4, 1999, by majority vote.

/s/Ed Rodgers, Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/Harry F. Gilmore, Sec./Treas.  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

AMENDMENT

Resolution Number 09181999 -a

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND  
SECTION III OF THE GOVERNING RESOLUTION  
OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

**WHEREAS**, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma is governed by a Governing Resolution that was duly adopted by the Quapaw Indian Council on August 19, 1956, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 20, 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Resolution delegates authority to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee to speak and act on behalf of the Quapaw Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma deems it necessary to amend Section III of the Governing Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Section XIV of the Governing Resolution reads: *The Governing Resolution may be amended by a majority of the qualified voters of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and on the Quapaw rolls voting at an election called for that purpose by the Chairman of the Tribal Business Committee;* and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to change the filing date from June 4 to May 1; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma amends Section III, (b) of the Governing Resolution to read: *Those persons seeking election to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall file written notice for the office for which they are seeking to be elected by May 1. Such notice shall be filed at the Quapaw Tribal Office. Nominations shall not be taken from the floor. Exception: In the event no individual files for office or an individual or individuals who file for a position of office have no opposition, then nominations from the floor will be allowed. Individuals seeking office must be present; they must notify the Chairman of the Business Committee in writing prior to the election that they will accept the nomination.*

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma was presented and duly adopted at a Special General Council meeting of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma on September 18, 1999 with a vote reflecting 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent.

/s/ Ed Rodgers, Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/ Lloyd Buffalo, Vice-Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

AMENDMENT

Resolution Number 09181999 -b

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND  
SECTION II OF THE GOVERNING RESOLUTION  
OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma is governed by a Governing Resolution that was duly adopted by the Quapaw Indian Council on August 19, 1956, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 20, 1957; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Resolution delegates authority to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee to speak and act on behalf of the Quapaw Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma deems it necessary to amend Section II of the Governing Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section XIV of the Governing Resolution reads: *The Governing Resolution may be amended by a majority of the qualified voters of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians of Quapaw blood and on the Quapaw rolls voting at an election called for that purpose by the Chairman of the Tribal Business Committee;* and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma deems it necessary to impose a filing fee for each candidate filing for office; and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma deems it necessary to require a pre-certification for those candidates seeking the position of the Secretary/Treasurer; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma amends Section II of the Governing Resolution to read: *No person shall be a candidate for membership in the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee unless he shall be a member of the Quapaw Tribe by blood and on the approved Quapaw rolls, and shall be at least 25 years of age. A Fifty Dollar (\$50) filing fee will be imposed for each candidate filing for office, and requires a pre-certification for those candidates seeking the position of the Secretary/Treasurer.*

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma was presented and duly adopted at a Special General Council meeting of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma on September 18, 1999 with a vote reflecting 9 yes, 1 no, 2 abstaining, 0 absent.

/s/Ed Rodgers, Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/Lloyd Buffalo, Vice-Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

AMENDMENT

Resolution Number 09181999- c

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND  
SECTION II OF THE GOVERNING RESOLUTION  
OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma is governed by a Governing Resolution that was duly adopted by the Quapaw Indian Council on August 19, 1956, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 20, 1957; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Resolution delegates authority to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee to speak and act on behalf of the Quapaw Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma deems it necessary to amend Section II of the Governing Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section XIV of the Governing Resolution reads: *The Governing Resolution may be amended by a majority of the qualified voters of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians of Quapaw blood and on the Quapaw rolls voting at an election called for that purpose by the Chairman of the Tribal Business Committee;* and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma deems it necessary to impose a filing fee for each nominee from the floor; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma amends Section II of the Governing Resolution to read: *No person shall be a candidate for membership in the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee unless he shall be a member of the Quapaw Tribe by blood and on the approved Quapaw rolls, and shall be at least 25 years of age. A Fifty Dollar (\$50) filing fee will be imposed for each candidate filing for office, and requires a pre-certification for those candidates seeking the position of the Secretary/Treasurer. Also, nominees from the floor will be required to post a fifty dollar (\$50) filing fee, with thirty (30) days to pay the filing fee; which applies to all candidates posting filing fees.*

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma was presented and duly adopted at a Special General Council meeting of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma on September 18, 1999 with a vote reflecting   9   yes,   2   no,   1   abstaining,   0   absent.

/s/Ed Rodgers, Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/Lloyd Buffalo, Vice-Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

AMENDMENT

Resolution Number 09181999 -d

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND  
SECTION VI OF THE GOVERNING RESOLUTION  
OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma is governed by a Governing Resolution that was duly adopted by the Quapaw Indian Council on August 19, 1956, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on September 20, 1957; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Resolution delegates authority to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee to speak and act on behalf of the Quapaw Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma deems it necessary to amend Section VI of the Governing Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section XIV of the Governing Resolution reads: *The Governing Resolution may be amended by a majority of the qualified voters of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians of Quapaw blood and on the Quapaw Tribe's voting at an election called for that purpose by the Chairman of the Tribal Business Committee;* and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma amends Section VI of the Governing Resolution to read: *A Grievance Committee, consisting of three (3) persons of Quapaw Indian blood, shall be elected by the General Council, and shall not include any members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. The terms of office for the Grievance Committee shall be for two (2) years, and nominations shall be from the floor, in each even numbered year.*

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma was presented and duly adopted at a Special General Council meeting of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma on September 18, 1999 with a vote reflecting 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent.

/s/Ed Rodgers, Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/Lloyd Buffalo, Vice-Chairman  
Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

CERTIFICATION

I certify that this is a true and exact reproduction of the governing documents of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma.

Debbie Wray  
Debbie Wray  
Business Committee Clerk

1-31-2000  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of January, 2000.

Laura Elmer  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Jan. 8, 2003.

My Commission Expires