

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE FIRST SUBMISSION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 FROM THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRUST ACCOUNT PL7320-70-5 FOR THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING**

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe is the governing body of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Reservation pursuant to the Amended Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 31, 1996: and,

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council has under Article IV, Section 1., (f) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws, the power to make expenditures from available funds when authorized by resolution adopted in legal session of the Tribal Council, and,

**WHEREAS**, The Northern Cheyenne Council desires to make certain expenditures from those funds, and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Tribal Council with recommendation by the Administration or Competent Board has considered such OST Draw request; now,

**WHEREAS**,

The FY2027 General Fund Total is estimated as \$2,359,006.67

The Cash applied towards General Fund FY2027 Expense is \$3,900,793.73

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council has reviewed and discussed the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Expenditure Budget and all the necessary revenues to fund the FY2027 Budget have been identified; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Office of Special Trust to transfer \$1,240,000.00 from the Northern Cheyenne General Fund PL7320-70-5 to assist in supplementing the General Fund Operating for FY27:

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 8 votes for passage and 0 votes against passage and adoption and 0 abstentions this 29 day of September, 2026.

  
Ernest Littlemouth, Sr. Vice President  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

ATTEST:

  
Alicia Cano, Secretary  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

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**TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE**  
**NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION**  
**LAME DEER, MONTANA**

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RESOLUTION NO. DOI-019 (2026)

NORTHERN CHEYENNE AGENCY  
LAME DEER, MT 59043

**RESOLUTION RESCINDING DOI 084 (2023) AND TRANSFERRING THE LEGACY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND**

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council is the governing body of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe pursuant to the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 1(f) of the Constitution authorizes the Tribal Council to administer funds within the control of the Tribe and to make expenditures from available funds for Tribal purposes, and Article IV, Section 1(m) authorizes the Council to administer charity and protect the health and general welfare of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 6, 2023, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. DOI-084 (2023), establishing the Legacy Fund with a portion of the Ramah Settlement Funds, directing that its assets be invested, that principal be held, and that only interest and dividends be used for payments to Tribal senior citizens under policies to be established; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council finds that the administration of President Gene Small has made approximately \$8.2 million in expenditures without the authorization required by the Tribal Council and that these expenditures, together with fiscal mismanagement, have depleted the Tribe's General Fund and impaired its ability to pay outstanding obligations and maintain Tribal programs and daily operations; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council determines that the Tribe's immediate fiscal needs require the money presently held in the Legacy Fund, including principal, cash, accrued income, and proceeds of investments, to be returned to the General Fund and made available for lawful Tribal purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council intends to document the balance, source, transfer, and subsequent use of these funds and to honor any legally binding third-party restriction or obligation that cannot be extinguished by this resolution; now, therefore,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 1. Rescission.** Resolution No. DOI-084 (2023) is hereby rescinded in its entirety, effective upon adoption of this resolution. Any policies, procedures, delegations, investment instructions, or administrative directives adopted solely to implement DOI-084 (2023) are revoked to the extent they conflict with this resolution. The Legacy Fund's restriction on use of principal and its limitation of distributions to investment income shall have no further force or effect, subject to the proviso in paragraph 5.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 2. Transfer.** The Tribal Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, and any other authorized financial officers are directed to identify every account, investment, and asset held or designated as the Legacy Fund; obtain the latest account statements; and, within ten business days after adoption or as soon thereafter as liquidation and settlement permit, transfer the full available balance, including principal and accrued interest, dividends, and other earnings, to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe's General Fund. They may execute the instructions reasonably necessary to redeem investments, close Legacy Fund accounts, and complete the transfer, subject to ordinary safeguards and any documented contractual terms.

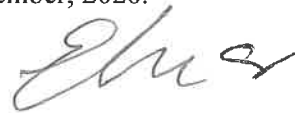
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 3. Authorized purposes.** The transferred funds shall be available in the General Fund for Tribal programs and services, payment of valid outstanding Tribal obligations, and the day-to-day operation of the Tribal government. Expenditures from the General Fund shall be made under applicable law, duly adopted budgets or appropriations, and required financial controls. This resolution authorizes the transfer and availability of the funds; it does not ratify any expenditure previously made without proper authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 4. Accounting and report.** Within fifteen business days after the transfer is completed, the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer shall deliver to the Tribal Council a written accounting stating the opening and closing balances of each Legacy Fund account, the origin of the transferred funds to the extent shown by Tribal records, all investment redemptions and transaction costs, accrued income, the date and amount of each transfer, the receiving General Fund account, and any amount withheld under paragraph 5. The finance office shall preserve supporting statements, confirmations, and entries and reconcile them in the Tribe's books.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 5. Existing legal obligations.** Before disbursement, the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with Tribal legal counsel, shall identify any enforceable third-party restriction, perfected claim, or obligation applicable to a particular asset that the Council cannot rescind unilaterally. Any affected amount shall be segregated pending a prompt report to the Council and further lawful direction. A restriction created only by DOI-084 (2023) shall not prevent transfer under this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 6. Implementation and effect.** The Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer shall promptly provide a certified copy of this resolution to each bank, custodian, and investment manager holding Legacy Fund assets. The Tribal President and Secretary are authorized to execute ministerial documents necessary to implement the Council's direction. This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption. All prior Council actions inconsistent with it are superseded to the extent of the inconsistency.

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