TSISTSISTAS AND HINÓNÓÉÍ (CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO) TRIBES SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

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RESOLUTION NO: 111508STC-006

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SUBJECT: <u>Tsistsistas and Hinónóéi (Cheyenne and Arapaho) Tribal Department of</u>
<u>Education Act for Radio and Television Station Licensing and Development</u>
Purposes

WHEREAS: The *Tsistsistas* and *Hinónóéi* (Cheyenne and Arapaho) Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under a Constitution approved by tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council finds it in the best interests of the Tribes to promote the educational, economic, and social welfare of the People as well as protect the religious freedom and tribal customs of all tribal members; and

WHEREAS: In the Preamble to the Constitution, the people of the *Tsistsistas* and *Hinónóéi* (Cheyenne and Arapaho) Tribes state that they do establish the Constitution in order to sustain and promote their cultures, languages, and way of life, protect their religious rights, establish and promote justice for all People, [and] promote education; and

WHEREAS: Article V, § 2 (a) of the Constitution grants the Tribal Council the power to set policy for the Tribes, which includes policies over the educational programs and practices of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS: The *Tsistsistas* and *Hinónóéi* (Cheyenne and Arapaho) Tribes, the general public and other Tribes' members residing in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Service area would benefit from tribally operated public telecommunications radio and television stations that are absolved of all political uses and that would provide programs and services which inform, enlighten and enrich the *Tsistsistas* and *Hinónóéi* (Cheyenne and Arapaho) tribal members and the general public; and,

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WHEREAS: The *Tsistsistas* and *Hinónóėi* (Cheyenne and Arapaho) Tribes Television and Radio Stations will provide various educational, informational, cultural and language programs and services that will enhance the communications capabilities, expand the educational services promote knowledge, and citizenship, and inspire the imagination of all *Tsistsistas* and *Hinónóéi* (Cheyenne and Arapaho) tribal members and the general public; and,

WHEREAS: The goals are to develop language initiatives to be used in the Station which will create various ways of learning the Cheyenne language and the Arapaho language to the point of using the language daily, as culture and language are one and the same.

WHEREAS: Funding for tribally operated public television and radio stations are provided by way of federal, private and other grants and resources currently available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the *Tsistsistas* and *Hinónóéi* (Cheyenne and Arapaho) Tribes hereby enacts the policy of obtaining FCC licensing and establishment of Cheyenne and Arapaho Radio and Television Stations for Educational and Public Service Purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall supersede and replace any other resolutions, if any, which are contrary to the terms of this resolution.

2008 TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE TSISTSISTAS AND HINÓNÓÉÍ (CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO) TRIBES

Chairman

ATTEST:

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the 2008 Tribal Council of the *Tsistsistas* and *Hinónóéí* (Cheyenne and Arapaho) Tribes; do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the duly called Special Tribal Council Meeting held on the 15 day of November, 2008, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by affirmative vote 78, opposed 0, and abstaining 3.

Thurston Ligary Secretary