

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-25**

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA TO COLLABORATE ON THE REVITALIZATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE BAXOJE LANGUAGE**

**WHEREAS**, The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe whose business affairs are conducted by the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Council as defined in the Constitution approved August 20, 2025 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; AND

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the Constitution of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all express restrictions upon such power contained in the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baxoje (Ioway) language is a sacred and vital part of the cultural identity, history, and sovereignty of the Iowa people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe recognizes the urgent need to preserve, revitalize, and promote the Baxoje language for future generations through intergenerational teaching, educational programs, community outreach, and digital/archival preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma desire to formalize their collaboration through a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** to establish a **Baxoje Language Advisory Council**, share resources, and jointly pursue funding opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma finds that entering into this MOU is in the best interest of the Tribe and its citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves the **Memorandum of Understanding for Tribal Cooperation between the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee authorizes the Tribal Chairman (or other authorized official) to execute the MOU on behalf of the Tribe; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee affirms its commitment to work in good faith with the sister Iowa Tribe to revitalize and sustain the Baxoje language for present and future generations.

**CERTIFICATION**

This Resolution was duly adopted by the Executive Committee of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on the 20th of August, 2025, at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining.

Timothy N. Rhodd, Tribal Chairman

Anthony G. Fee, Secretary