

# CHIRICAHUA APACHE NDE NATION CODECS

## AKA BY-LAWS

### ***Article I: Organization***

1. The name of the organization shall be the Chiricahua Apache Nde Nation.
2. The Nation shall have a seal which shall be in the following form:
3. The Nation may at its pleasure, after consultation with the citizenship body, change its name.
4. The Nation shall have a flag which shall be in the following form:
5. The Nation shall have a guiding document known as “The Nde Clan Ways” aka Constitution.
6. The Nation shall identify traditional territories as the “Apacharia” – “Apacheria” Nation Lands

### ***Article II: Purpose***

7. The Nation was formed to rebuild and strengthen relations among Chiricahua Apache people, wherever they are, and to pursue goals and objectives common among them. In particular the purpose of the Nation is:
  - a. Develop and reestablish the Chiricahua Apache Land Base to promote the growth of our culture and traditions.
  - b. The Apacheria shall never be sold, exchanged, or put into lesser status than complete, and shall continuously grow to completeness for and by the People, Nde.
  - c. Develop solidarity among the Chiricahua Apache people through continued projects such as cultural gatherings, example is the annual feast.
  - d. Promote and defend Chiricahua Apache Self-Determination, Prosperity, and Culture throughout the Chiricahua ancestral territory, in a spirit of respecting humanity for all Non-Nde now living within that territory.
  - e. Develop and reestablish the Chiricahua Apache Trade Alliances under Self-Determination and Historical Rights of Trade through holding Treaty with other Nations.

- f. Advance strategies to obtain redress for historical and ongoing grievances.
- g. Compile and disseminate, as appropriate, information about the Chiricahua Apache people and their history.
- h. WAOOA – We Are Our Own Agents: Self Determination to complete self sufficient status of sovereignty.

### ***Article III: Decision Making Through Consensus***

- 8. The Nation is to be organized in accordance with the appropriate Chiricahua Apache customs and traditions.
- 9. A coordinating group of Nde citizens shall jointly guide the activities of the Nation and be referred to as Speakers, until replaced by other chosen Speakers based on merit, through a decision of the Nation's coordinators, or chosen by the citizenship.
- 10. Decision making, insofar as possible, shall be made by coordinating group on the basis of consensus following appropriate consultations and deliberations among the coordinating Speakers, and citizenship, and elderly advisory.
- 11. The presence of the coordinating group members shall constitute a quorum. Quorum is required to make decisions that could significantly impact the structure and goals of the Nation. Any form of connectivity is acceptable, electronic or other means.

### ***Article IV: Speakers***

- 12. The Nation shall have a coordinating group of Speakers based on merit and contributions to the people, the Nation. Speakers required must sign in agreement.
- 13. The Speakers of the Nation shall include the equivalent of a secretary, the equivalent of a treasurer and such other Speakers as may be deemed necessary and established by the coordinators and preferred by the people.
- 14. The equivalent Speaker as the Treasurer shall make disbursements on behalf of the Nation, receive and give receipts for all funds collected, keep accurate and complete financial records, and report to the Nation on all funds collected or disbursed.
- 15. The equivalent Speaker as the Secretary shall take minutes at coordinating group meetings and annual membership meetings, and in traditional forms of orally recording events, and actions taken by coordinators for the organization.

16. Speakers shall hold positions until they voluntarily resign or are removed from position by the coordinating group, or the people.
17. The Speakers shall maintain a list of citizenships and annually update it.
18. Social Speaker Specialist shall be appointed by citizenship, and coordinators.

#### ***Article V: Citizenship***

19. Citizenship in the Nation is open to individuals who are descendants of the Chiricahua Apache Nde people who inhabited the North American continent prior to the arrival of Europeans, and tribal or other groups that are made up of such descendants.
20. Citizens will be confirmed through a process of questions answered and documentation of family history recorded.
21. Citizens will be requested to learn the history and language, required to uphold and carry on the cultural restoration maintaining status by inclusion.

#### ***Article VI: Meetings***

22. Regular meetings open to the entire citizenship of the Chiricahua Apache Nde Nation will be held at least once a year.
23. Special meetings of the coordinating group may be called on as needed basis.

#### ***Article VII: Committees***

24. The coordinating group may designate and appoint committees from amongst the Nation citizenship as needed.

#### ***Article VIII: Elders Advisory Council***

25. The Nation shall form an Elders Advisory Council, the purpose of which shall be to provide guidance and counsel to the Nation and to incorporate Chiricahua Apache values into the activities of the Nation through teachings, traditional ceremonies, practices and customs.

#### ***Article IX: Organization Perpetual Descendants - Dissolution***

26. The period of duration is perpetual.
27. In the case of dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes: Any Apache community, groups of Apache people, for their interests, purposes, and goals.

#### ***Certification Effective Date:***

These Nde Codecs are equivalent to bylaws approved at a meeting of coordinators by a consensus approval on 11-4-2017. A complete approval, for these codecs the equivalent to by-laws shall be added into record, by Speakers on this day of signing.

Victoria A Lopez

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Speaker's Signature

5-20-2019

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