

# The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

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## Resolution No. 053-25

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Ronde Tribal Council, pursuant to Article III, Section I of the Tribal Constitution approved November 30, 1984, by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Indian Affairs, is empowered to exercise all legislative and executive authority not specifically vested in the General Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council pursuant to Article III, Section I of the Tribal Constitution, is empowered to submit to the Secretary of the Interior proposed amendments to the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Article III, Section I of the Tribal Constitution, upon receipt of the proposed amendment from Tribal Council, is required to call an election to vote on its adoption in accordance with his rules and regulations; provided, that an affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those actually voting shall be conclusive so long as at least thirty percent (30%) of qualified voters have voted; and provided further, that amendments to the Constitution shall not become effective until approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to have an election to amend the Constitution to remove the Secretary of Interior oversight and approval of amendments to the Constitution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior authorize the calling of an election to amend Article II, Section 1(e); Article II, Section (2)(f); and Article III, Section 1 as follows (new language to be added is double underlined, existing language to be deleted is crossed out):

### AMENDMENT

The Grand Ronde Constitution, Article II, Section 1(e), shall be amended as follows:

(e) Amend this Constitution by submitting to the ~~Secretary of the Interior~~ Tribal Council pursuant to his regulations a petition of at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the General Council, setting forth the section(s) of this Constitution to be amended and the proposed amendment(s). Upon verification of the petition by the Tribal Council Secretary of the Interior, it shall be the duty of the Tribal Council ~~Secretary of the Interior~~ to authorize the calling of an election to consider amendments to the Constitution, ~~in accordance with regulations as set forth by the Secretary of the Interior~~. The affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those actually voting shall be conclusive, so long as at least thirty percent (30%) of those qualified to vote shall have voted; provided, that nothing in this section shall prevent the Tribal Council from calling an election to consider submitting proposed amendments to the Constitution

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Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of this Constitution by Tribal Council resolution. Provided further, that amendments to this Constitution shall not become effective until certified by the Election Board approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Grand Ronde Constitution, Article II, Section 2(f), shall be amended as follows:

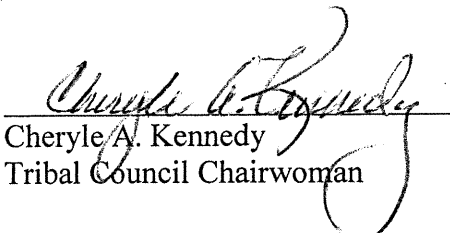
(f) Procedures for exercising the General Council powers in Article II, Sections 1(b), 1(c), 1(d) and 1(e) shall be set forth by tribal ordinance duly enacted by the Tribal Council; provided, that said procedures shall not be in conflict with any provisions of this Constitution ~~or regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.~~

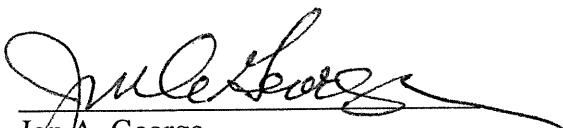
The Grand Ronde Constitution, Article III, Section 1, shall be amended as follows:

Section 1. Powers. There shall be a Tribal Council which shall have the power to exercise all legislative authority, except that vested in the General Council, and all executive authority of the Tribe, including the right to delegate authorities as the Tribal Council deems appropriate. Said authority shall include but is not limited to the authority to employ legal counsel, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior as long as this is required by Federal Law; the power to prevent the sale, disposition, lease, or encumbrance of tribal land, interests in lands or other tribal assets without the consent of the Tribe and the power to negotiate with the Federal, state and local Governments. The Tribal Council shall have the power to call an election to consider ~~submit to the Secretary of the Interior proposed amendments to this Constitution, notwithstanding the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 1(e) of this Constitution. Upon receipt of a proposed amendment from the Tribal Council, an election to vote on its adoption shall be called by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with his rules and regulations.~~ The affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those actually voting shall be conclusive, so long as at least thirty percent (30%) of those qualified to vote shall have voted; provided, that amendments to this Constitution shall not become effective until certified by the Election Board approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby instructs the Tribal Attorney to submit this resolution and the proposed amendment to the Tribe's Constitution to the Secretary of the Interior for the calling of an election in accordance with his rules and regulations and the Constitution.

**CERTIFICATION:** the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon adopted this resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting, with a quorum present as required by the Grand Ronde Constitution, held on **April 02, 2025** by a vote of **5** yes, **2** no and **0** abstentions.

  
Cheryl A. Kennedy  
Tribal Council Chairwoman

  
Jon A. George  
Tribal Council Secretary

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