## RESOLUTION NO. 2011-15

## RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FUNERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 73-304

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 73-304 requires counties of the State of Kansas to decently inter the bodies of certain honorably discharged veterans, their spouse or parent who die without leaving sufficient means to defray funeral expenses.

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the residents of Kiowa County to establish a policy for the administration and implementation of the requirements of K.S.A. 73-304.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 65-1734(a)(8) provides that in the case of individuals whose final disposition is the responsibility of the county, the public official charged with arranging the final disposition pursuant to K.S.A. 22a-215 may order any lawful manner of final disposition of a decedent's remains;

**WHEREAS,** K.S.A. 22a-215 provides that the county officer responsible for the final disposition of a deceased person may authorize and order the cremation or burial of such deceased person;

WHEREAS, the Board authorizes an allowance of \$1,100° or the amount of the funeral costs which are due and owing, whichever is less, to be paid to the funeral provider from the county general fund.

**WHEREAS**, to qualify for the funeral assistance allowance, the individual must meet the following requirements and documentation must be submitted to prove:

- a. The individual must be a resident of Kiowa County, Kansas.
- b. The individual must be receiving cash, medical, or food assistance at the time of death or have a pending application for assistance at the time of death and are ultimately approved for the month of death.
- c. The resources of the family or estate of the deceased and other assets at the time of death shall not exceed \$2,000.00,
- d. Expenses shall first be paid from any property found on the body or from the estate of the deceased and from any veteran or other benefits the deceased person may be entitled to receive.

WHEREAS, all requests for assistance shall include documentation showing the individual has met the requirements of K.S.A. 73-304 and show the individual does not have sufficient means to defray funeral expenses. All requests shall be submitted to the Kiowa County Clerk within six months of the date of death or from the date the body is released by a coroner.

**WHEREAS**, this resolution shall become effective upon publication in the official county newspaper.

Passed and adopted this 19th day of Sept, 2011.

KIOWA COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Don Richards, Commissioner

John Unruh, Commissioner

Ron Freeman, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carmen Renfrow, Klowa County Clerk