

#### NCA 22-089

CLASSIFICATION: #25. INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND INTER-TRIBAL RELATIONS

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CREATING NEW LAW BY ESTABLISHING "GOVERNMENT RELATIONS" IN MCNCA TITLE 25, CHAPTER 6 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE REMAINING OF FISCAL YEAR 2022

Be it enacted by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

SECTION ONE. <u>NEW LAW</u>. The following new Law is hereby enacted:

Section 1-101. Findings. The National Council finds that:

- A. The establishment of Government Relations within the Secretary of the Nation & Commerce would allow a sustained and more efficient way to communicate with and to donate to political candidates.
- B. It is of great importance to the Nation to be represented at all local, state and federal agencies and it is also of great importance for the Nation and in the best interest of our citizens to support those candidates that will assist in our efforts as a Tribe.
- C. The proposed MCNCA Title 25, Chapter 6, will provide for a more efficient process to donate to political campaigns.

**SECTION TWO.** <u>NEW LAW.</u> This following new law shall be codified in Title 25, Chapter 6 of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification and amendment and its inclusion in pocket parts of the Code Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Attorney General is hereby authorized: (1) to approve any changes related to the manner in which sections, articles, chapters and sub-chapters are designated consistent with the format in the Code of Laws published in 2010 by West Publishing Company; (2) to include footnoted references to the legislative history in said pocket parts to the Code of Laws and; (3) to note in said pocket parts any editorial correction of minor clerical or grammatical errors in the following amendment, without further National Council approval:

Title 25. Inter-Governmental and Inter-Tribal Relations

**Chapter 6. Government Relations** 

Subchapter 1. Establishment, Duties, Structure

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#### § 6-101. Government Relations

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Secretary of the Nation & Commerce shall establish government relations with local, state, and federal agencies and implement the following procedures for the purpose of donating to candidates selected and approved by the selection committee within the Executive Branch of Muscogee (Creek) Nation's government under the Principal Chief.

### § 6-102. The Political Donation Committee

The Political Donation Committee shall consist of the following:

- 1. Principal Chief or Second Chief
- 2. National Council Speaker or Second Speaker
- 3. Secretary of the Nation
- 4. Principal Chief designee
- 5. Speaker designee

#### § 6-103. Duties

The Political Donation Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities and will be led by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Government Relations Specialist through the Office of the Secretary of the Nation & Commerce:

- 1. Obtain and review all political campaign literature for those that may be considered for a donation by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;
- 2. Conduct regular meetings for those being considered or further strategic reviews for donations:
- 3. Majority vote will approve the donation;
- 4. No donations will exceed the maximum allowable under local, state and federal guidelines for donated contributions; and
- 5. Advocate, develop strategies, including long-term strategic planning, and provide advice to the Executive and Legislative Branches when necessary.

**SECTION THREE.** <u>APPROPRIATION</u>. The sum of Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Interest on Permanent Fund Account for the implementation of this Act. All unexpended funds appropriated by the implementation of this Act shall be returned to the Tribal Treasury.

**SECTION FOUR.** <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>. The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief or his designee to expend the sum of Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Interest on Permanent Fund Account in accordance with the attached budget.

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**SECTION FIVE.** <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>. This Act shall become effective immediately upon proper approval and execution in accordance with the requirements of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

**ENACTED** by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this <u>27<sup>TH</sup></u> day of <u>August, 2022</u>.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.

William Lowe, Speaker National Council

Muscogee (Creek) Nation

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Sixteen members with <u>Sixteen</u> members attending this meeting on the <u>27<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>August</u>, <u>2022</u> and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of <u>9</u> in favor, <u>6</u> against and that said Law has not been rescinded or amended in any way and the above is the signature of the Speaker of the National Council.

Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

### <u>APPROVAL</u>.

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022 to the above Law, NCA 22-089 authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

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David W. Hill, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation