

NCA 22-142

CLASSIFICATION: #15. CULTURAL AFFAIRS/HISTORY/MUSEUM

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 15 CHAPTER 1. ENTITLED OFFICIAL HONOR GUARD TO ESTABLISH A WOMEN'S HONOR GUARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE ESTE CATE HOKTVKE SULETAWV HONOR GUARD

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

SECTION ONE. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

- A. Native Americans serve in the Armed Forces at five (5) times the national average and have served in every major conflict for over two hundred (200) years and Native Americans have the highest per-capita involvement of any population to serve in the U.S. military.
- B. Nearly twenty percent (20%) of Native American service members are women, compared to the approximately fifteen percent (15%) of all other service members are women.
- C. There is a need for a women's honor guard to be established to represent the Muscogee (Creek) Nation at parades, military funerals and other various gatherings.
- D. The total cost for the women's honor guard to be fully operational is approximately One Hundred Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$105,000.00) for the first year and Forty Thousand and No/Dollars (\$40,000.00) annually thereafter.
- **SECTION TWO.** <u>AMENDMENT</u>. This amendment shall be codified in Title 15, Chapter 1, of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification of said amendment and its inclusion in pocket parts of the Code of 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:

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§ 1-101. Authorization Establishment

The National Council hereby designates the <u>Mvskoke</u> Este Cate Veterans Honor Guard <u>and the Este Cate Hoktvke Suletawv Honor Guard are hereby established as the as the official MuscogeeVSKOKE (<u>Creek</u>) Nation Honor Guards.</u>

§ 1-102. Officers

The Officers Members of the MVSKOKE Nation Este Cate Veterans and Este Cate Hoktvke Suletawv Honor Guards must be enrolled members citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

§ 1-103. Administrative **leave**; mileage reimbursement

The Principal Chief is further authorized to grant administrative leave tom Members of the Myskoke VSKOKE Nation Este Cate Veterans and Este Cate Hoktvke Suletawy Honor Guards who are employees of the Nation shall be granted administrative leave and receive mileage reimbursement to members participating in for representing the Nation in an official capacity subject to established policies and procedures.

§ 1-104. <u>Accountability and Rreporting requirements</u>

A. The Secretary/Treasurer of the Este Cate Veterans Each Honor Guard shall be required to submit an annual report to the Controller with an accounting of all expended funds within a fiscal year before receiving the next fiscal year funding. Actual copies of the items purchased within thirty (30) days of expenditure to the Principal Chief and the Controller and actual type written mileage statements (signed by both the Secretary/Treasurer and the honor guard member being reimbursed for mileage) stating the odometer readings to and from the event, the name of the event, and the date the event occurred. These mileage statements are also to be sent to the Office of the Principal Chief and the Controller per existing Muscogee (Creek) Nation mileage reimbursement guidelines.

- B. Receipts for all expenditures shall be included in the annual report.
- <u>C. Mileage shall be reimbursed at the current General Services</u>
 Administration (GSA) mileage rate.

SECTION THREE. <u>APPROPRIATION</u>. The sum of One Hundred Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$105,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Interest on Permanent Fund Account for the implementation of this Act. All funds shall carry forward until expended.

SECTION FOUR. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>. The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief or his designee to expend the sum One Hundred Five Thousand and

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No/100 Dollars (\$105,000.00) from the Interest on Permanent Fund Account for a passenger van, trailer, uniforms, flags, equipment and other necessary items for the Este Cate Hoktvke Suletawv Honor Guard to be fully operational.

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 19TH day of November, 2022.

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>19th</u> day of <u>November, 2022</u> and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of <u>15</u> in favor, <u>0</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.

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Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary Muscogee (Creek) National Council

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APPROVAL

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

