

NCA 23-030

CLASSIFICATION: #35. SOCIAL SERVICES/PUBLIC ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING A NEW LAW IN TITLE 35, CHAPTER 13 SUBCHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "Tribal Grave House Assistance Program"

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

SECTION ONE. <u>NEW LAW</u>. The following new law shall be codified in Title 35, Chapter 13 of the Code of laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation: provided that for purposes of codification of said new law and its inclusion in pocket parts for 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 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:

CHAPTER 13. TRIBAL BURIAL ASSISTANCE AND FOOD FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SUBCHAPTER 2. TRIBAL GRAVE HOUSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- § 13-201. Short Title. This Act shall be entitled "Tribal Grave House Assistance Program" and shall be codified in Subchapter 2 of Chapter 13 in Title 35, "Social Services/Public Assistance," of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
- § 13-202. <u>Purpose.</u> The purpose of this section is to provide the family of the deceased up to Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) to be used toward the purchase of supplies to construct a grave house.

§ 13-203. Tribal Grave House Assistance Program

- A. Eligibility. The eligibility requirements shall be:
 - 1. The deceased is (i) an enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizen whose citizenship can be verified with a certified Tribal Enrollment Card or a printout from the Citizenship Office; (ii) a non-enrolled Muscogee (Creek) child under five (5) years of age who would otherwise be eligible to enroll.

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- 2. Signed Burial Contract.
- B. Payments. Payments for this program will be made directly to the vendor on behalf of an eligible applicant up to Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00).
- C. Policies and Procedures. Policies and Procedures are to be implemented by Social Services and shall be available in the Social Services Department.

§ 13-204. Budget – Operations

- A. There is an authorized budget of \$250,000.00 annually for the direct assistance for the Tribal Grave House Assistance Program.
- B. The Tribal Grave House Assistance Program shall be funded through the Comprehensive Annual Budget beginning Fiscal Year 2024 and annually thereafter. Funds shall carry forward until fully expended.

SECTION TWO. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>. This Act shall become effective 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 **20**th day of **May**, **2023**.

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>Fifteen</u> members attending this meeting on the <u>20th</u> day of <u>May</u>, <u>2023</u> and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of <u>14</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.

Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this day of _______, 2023 to the above Law, NCA 23-030 authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

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

