



**NCA 17-088**

**CLASSIFICATION: #18. EDUCATION**

**A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 18, § 2-404, ENTITLED "Doctorate Degree Program" TO ASSIST MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZENS PURSUING DOCTORAL DEGREES UNDER THE EXISTING POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM**

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

**SECTION ONE. FINDINGS.** The following new Law is hereby enacted:

A. MCNCA Title 18, § 2-404 established the Doctorate Degree Program in order to provide financial aid opportunities for members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to further their education.

B. The Department of Higher Education averages between 70-80 Muscogee doctorate level scholars that utilize the program for tuition, books and fees.

C. Amending MCNCA Title 18, § 2-404 will allow funding to assist approximately 70-80 students that meet the required criteria and eligibility standards.

**SECTION TWO. AMENDMENT.** These amendments shall be codified in Title 18, Chapter 2 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.

**SECTION THREE. AMENDMENT.** MCNCA Title 18, § 2-404. is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 2-404. Doctorate Degree Program**

The Doctorate Degree Program shall operate within the following guidelines:

A. Purpose: The Doctorate Degree Program is established to provide financial aid opportunities for members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to further their education.

B. Eligibility Requirements:

1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Citizen and possess a Citizenship card.

2. The student must be pursuing their first Doctorate Degree as a graduate student at an approved college or university.

3. Must be able to provide a completed application including all necessary documents.

4. Must submit the following and attach with the original application:

- a. Original application;
- b. Copy of Creek Tribal enrollment card;
- c. Signed privacy statement;
- d. Education degree plan (course requirements);
- e. Copy of transcript showing previous degree earned;
- f. Letter of acceptance to the university or program; and
- g. Class schedule.

C. Review Process

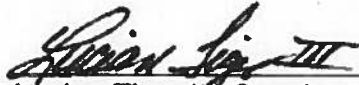
The Doctorate Degree Program will operate under the Department of Education and Training to be administered by the Higher Education Administration. Applications will be reviewed to determine program compliance and eligibility.

The Higher Education Administration will pay for tuition, books, and fees that are necessary to complete the degree program up to \$14,000.00 per year, \$7,000.00 per semester. The amount of the award will be determined by the needs analysis completed by the student's educational institution. Upon receipt of the needs analysis, the Higher Education Administration will complete award amount to be sent to the school.

**SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE.** 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

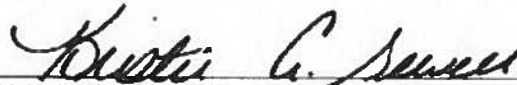
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.



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Lucian Tiger III, Speaker  
National Council  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

**CERTIFICATION**

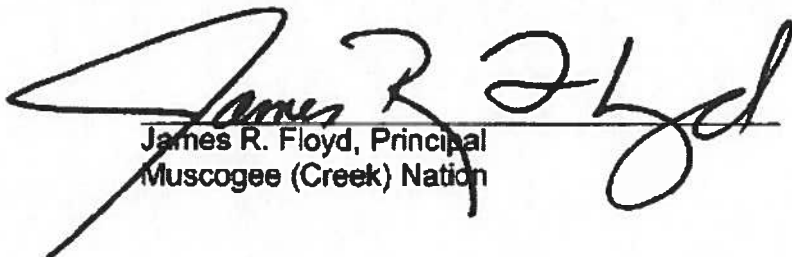
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Sixteen members with Sixteen members attending this meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of 15 in favor, 0 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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Kristie A. Sewell, Recording Secretary  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

**APPROVAL**

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this 22nd day of June, 2017 to the above Law, **NCA 17-088** authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



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James R. Floyd, Principal  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

