



### RECONSIDERATION OF NCA 10-142

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing "Reconsideration of NCA 10-142" is a true extract from the July 31, 2010, Regular Session Journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

**AND THAT,** NCA 10-142 entitled, A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 16, §4-106. B. REQUIRING THE LIGHTHORSE CHIEF TO BE A FULL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZEN, was presented to the National Council acting as a Council as a Whole and was approved in Quarterly Session on July 31, 2010, National Council by a vote of 13 in favor, 6 against, 0 abstention.

**AND THAT,** Said legislation was returned as a Veto with objections by the Principal Chief on August 12, 2010 and said objections have been entered at large in the Journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council;

**AND THAT,** The National Council taking action reconsider the Bill to **OVER-RIDE** the Veto at the Regular Session on August 28, 2010, in accordance with the Constitution, Article VI, Section 6(a), requires a (2/3) vote of the full membership, which consists of Twenty-Six members;

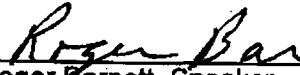
**AND THAT,** The record of vote reflects there were Twenty-three present with a vote of 12 in favor, 11 opposed, 0 abstention;

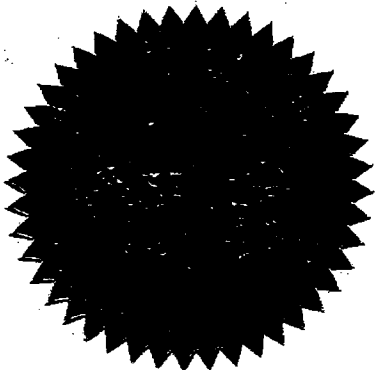
**THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN,** under Article VI., Section 6. (a) of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution, NCA 10-142 is hereby recorded as a "**VETO**" on this 30th day of **August 2010**.

  
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Terry A. Fish Recording Secretary  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

### CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I, the Presiding Officer of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council have hereto attached my signature this 30th day of **August 2010**.

  
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Roger Barnett, Speaker  
National Council  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation



# VETO



NCA 10-142

CLASSIFICATION: #16. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 16, §4-106. B. REQUIRING THE LIGHTHORSE CHIEF TO BE A FULL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZEN

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

**SECTION ONE. AMENDMENT.** This amendment shall be codified in Title 16, Chapter 4 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 Codification Committee 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 2003 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 TWO. AMENDMENT.** MCNCA Title 16, §4-106. B., is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Qualifications. The Lighthouse Chief shall be a full Muscogee (Creek) Citizen and shall have a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice or related field, plus fifteen (15) credit hours and must have ten years of experience in law enforcement or related field, with a preference for federal or tribal law enforcement experience. The ten years of experience shall also include at least two years of administrative experience. ~~Preference shall be given to a Creek citizen and then to members of a federally recognized Indian tribe.~~

**SECTION THREE. 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2010.

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

  
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Roger Barnett, 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 twenty-six members with **Twenty** members attending this meeting on the **31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2010**, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of **13** in favor, **6** against, **0** abstentions, 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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Terry A. Fish, Recording Secretary  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

**APPROVAL**

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, to the above Law, **NCA 10-142** authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

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A. D. Ellis, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation



## Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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August 12, 2010

Muscogee (Creek) National Council  
Honorable Speaker Barnett

Dear Speaker Barnett:

I am returning NCA 10-142 herewith:

### **A MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 10-142 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AS A VETO WITH OBJECTIONS**

In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, A.D. Ellis, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby return NCA 10-142, entitled "**A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 16 § 4-106.B. REQUIRING THE LIGHTHORSE CHIEF TO BE A FULL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZEN**" as a VETO with the following objections:

**OBJECTION ONE:** The proposed NCA 10-142 violates the provisions of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which provides that only the Offices of Principal Chief, Second Chief and Representative in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council are restricted to full citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. See Article III, Section 4; Article V, Section 1(b); and Article VI, Section 2(c) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. All other offices and positions of employment within the tribal government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are left open in the Constitution to all of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**OBJECTION TWO:** The proposed NCA 10-142 is in violation of Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation which vests the Executive power in the Office of the Principal Chief in that it attempts to improperly remove powers from, and limit the powers of, the Executive Branch by restricting the appointment of the Lighthorse Chief to the full citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

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**OBJECTION THREE:** The proposed NCA 10-142 is additionally in violation of Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation which provides that the Principal Chief, not the National Council, shall "create and organize the Executive Office of the Principal Chief." The proposed NCA 10-142 has been passed unilaterally by the National Council, with no collaboration or consultation of any sort with the Principal Chief. As such, proposed NCA 10-142 is an unconstitutional infringement on the powers of the Principal Chief and the Executive Branch by the National Council.

**OBJECTION FOUR:** The provisions of NCA 10-142 improperly prevent the Executive Branch from acting in the best interests of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The limitation to full citizens is violative of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution by limiting the choices available to the Principal Chief, as well as depriving Creek citizens of the right to participate in tribal government, with the exception of the Offices of Principal Chief, Second Chief and Representative in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, which are explicitly restricted to full citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation under the Constitution. In any event, no restructuring of the Executive Branch is proper or constitutional unless undertaken by the Principal Chief pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**OBJECTION FIVE:** The Principal Chief believes that the amendments contained in NCA 10-142 are unnecessary and are not in the best interests of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. They represent an unwarranted and unwise intrusion of the National Council into the inner workings of the Executive Branch and potentially limit the ability of the Principal Chief to appoint the most qualified persons to the office of Lighthouse Chief for the benefit of all of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**OBJECTION SIX:** The Principal Chief believes that the amendments contained in NCA 10-142 are not necessary in that the current statutes of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation adequately provide for the appointment of Lighthouse Chief with preference first for citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and then for members of other federally recognized Indian tribes. Therefore the current statutes do not require any amendments. Further, the Principal Chief views the proposed amendments contained in NCA 10-142 as purely politically motivated and not intended to improve the Lighthouse Administration in any way.

For the reasons outlined above, NCA 10-142 is hereby returned as a VETO.

Sincerely,



A. D. Ellis, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

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**DATED: August 12, 2010**